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ABBREVIATIONS AND NOTES

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The following abbreviations are used :—

A. and C. ..	..	Abbot and Convent
P. and C. ..	..	Prior and Convent

NOTES

In transcribing Bishop Sutton's memoranda, I have followed as closely as possible the plan, devised by his admirable registrar, of calendaring the formal entries and copying in full those which have particular interest. Whenever a letter has been copied in full it is preceded by a summary, written in English, of it contents.

Formal entries consist of notes of dispensations, letters dimissory grants of indulgences or ratifications of such grants, appointments of commissaries, licences, the reports of the benediction of abbots, and a few similar matters of diocesan administration. The Latin text of such entries, already compressed by the registrar to the barest minimum, would hardly repay transcription, and I have therefore made no attempt to give examples of these documents as they appear in the register. I have, however, given in English the substance of each note, including all names and dates. In the matter of spelling and of the transcription of the names of people and places I have followed the practice laid down in the first two volumes of Bishop Sutton's register. Dates have been given in the modern form, allowing for the practice of starting the new year on March 25 instead of on January 1. Thus an entry dated in the register January 1, 1281, appears in these volumes as January 1, 1282.

References to the text of the register have been given by folio and page when the letter appears in this volume, and by folio alone when it is contained in that part of the manuscript which is still unprinted. I hope that in subsequent volumes of the memoranda the indices will make it easy to verify any reference from the printed text.

CORRECTION FOR VOLUME III

p. 96, l. 4—*for* Framingham *read* Framlingham.

The Rolls and Register of Oliver Sutton, Bishop of Lincoln 1280-1299.

MEMORANDA 1290—1299

[*Folio 51.*]

DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI VIDELICET QUARTODECIMO KALENDAS JUNII ANNO DOMINI M. CC. NONAGESIMO SECUNDO INCIPIT ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI DEI GRACIA EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS TERTIUSDECIMUS.[1]

SEQUESTRATIO DE MERITON'. Note of the sequestration, by Master Robert of Kilworth, rector of Merton, and at the request of the Abbot and Convent of Eynsham, of thirty shillings claimed by the said community from the executor of the will of Master Gilbert of Leicester, late rector of Merton, and representing arrears of a pension. Osney. May 19, 1292.

Memorandum quod XIIII kalendas Junii anno XIII apud Oseneyam sequestrati fuerunt in manibus magistri Roberti de Kyvelingwrth' rectoris ecclesie de Meriton' triginta solidi in quibus tenebatur executor testamenti quondam magistri Gilberti de Leyc' proximi predecessoris sui in ecclesia predicta, et hoc ad instanciam Abbatis et conventus de Eynesham' asserentium prefatum Gilbertum eis in tanta pecunia pro arreragiis pensionis sibi debite de dicta ecclesia pro tempore suo teneri , nichilque aliud de bonis prefati defuncti unde eadem pecunia solvi valeat posse reperiri.

CAPTIO. Request to the King, at the instance of the Chancellor of Oxford University, for the arrest of ten men living in Oxford who had remained obdurate for more than forty days after being excommunicated. Kidlington, May 20, 1292.

XIII kalendas Junii anno XIII apud Cudelington' scriptum fuit domino regi pro captione Roberti de Valetotes, Petri de Marue coci, Roberti coci, Ade le Cassour, Thome de Benham, Philippi le Seler, Johannis Metescharp' , Henrici de Preston' , Andree le Scracher et Johannis Mazelin apud Oxon' commorantium , excommunicatorum per cancellarium universitatis Oxon' propter ipsorum contumacias et offensas manifestas , sicut idem cancellarius litteris suis patentibus

[1] The words 'Memoranda anni tertiidecimi' are written in the margin and enclosed in a square frame.

episcopo significavit , et hoc quia in eadem sentencia per quadraginta dies et amplius perstiterant animo indurato , et moniti ad mandatum episcopi per decanum Oxon' redire ad gremium ecclesie non curarunt.

INDULGENCIA. Grant of twenty days' indulgence to all who should pray for the soul of Master Nicholas of Rockland (Roclond'), late rector of the church of Albirbury (Alberbir'), with ratification of all similar indulgences granted on his behalf. Banbury, May 21, 1292.

INDULGENCIA. Grant of forty days' indulgence to all who should pray for the souls of Cecily and Agnes, successively prioresses of Nuneaton, whose bodies are buried there before the altar of S. John Baptist. Note that twenty days had been granted on behalf of Cecily at Sibstone (Sibbesdon') on June 7, 1288, but that the letter had been destroyed. Banbury, May 21, 1292.

[*Folio 51v.*]

COMMISSIO RECONCILIANDI. Commission to the Archdeacon of Leicester and the Abbot of S. Mary de Pratis, Leicester, to reconcile the churchyard of S. Mary de Castro, Leicester, which had been desecrated by bloodshed. Leicester, May 24, 1292.

DATIO COADJUTORIS RECTORI DE ERNESBY. Appointment of Nicholas of Leicester, priest, under the general supervision of Master Robert of Kirby, official of the Archdeacon of Leicester, as coadjutor to Master Nigel, rector of Arnesby, who was too old to discharge his duties. Leicester, May 24, 1292.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto in Christo filio Nicholao de Leyc' presbitero salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Cum magister Nigellus rector ecclesie de Ernesby ita senio sit fractus quod ad curam ipsius ecclesie peragendum immo ad sui regimen et suorum de cetero prorsus insufficiens et notorie inutilis est effectus , nos statui suo pie compatientes et indempnitati dicte ecclesie ac saluti animarum parochie ejusdem prospicere cupientes , te per dicti rectoris procuratores specialem in hac parte potestatem habentes , ad hujusmodi officium nominatum , coadjutorem eidem tenore presentium deputamus , tibi in virtute juramenti tui corporaliter coram nobis prestiti injungentes , quod in initio administrationis tue[1] de bonis dicti rectoris inventis sub testimonio fidedignorum qui bonorum ipsius impotentis quantitatem verisimilius noverint plene facto , eundem rectorem prout status suus requirit et ipsius facultates suppetunt exhiberi, curamque parochie et cetera onera prefate ecclesie incumbentia de consilio dilecti in Christo filii

[1] Some such word as 'inventorio' seems to have been omitted at this point.

magistri Roberti de Kerby nunc officialis Archidiaconi Leyc' quem tibi superintendere volumus in premissis , diligentius peragi facias et agnosci , et de administratione tua fidele reddas ratiocinium cum super hoc fueris requisitus . Datum Leyc' nono kalendas Junii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri tertiodecimo . Procuratorium est inter inquisitiones ecclesiarum.

Obediencia prioris de ware. Note that Ralph, proctor-general of the monastery of S. Evroult, took the oath of obedience to the bishop as Prior of Ware. Peatling Magna, May 23, 1292.

Dispensatio. Dispensation granted to John son of Reginald Le Cuverer of Leicester (Leyc') for being ordained, without letters dimissory, to all holy orders by the suffragans of the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield. He was to remain suspended from the exercise of priestly orders for a year, and to spend the time in studying grammar. Harby, May 27, 1292.

[No heading.] Unfinished entry, confirming to the Prior and convent of Drax the right (granted to them by Bishops Hugh of Wells and Robert Grosseteste) to appropriate the church of Saltby. No place or date.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus religiosis viris priori et conventui de Drax Ebor' diocesis salutem in omnium salvatore . Visis litteris et instrumentis et plenius intellectis per que vobis ecclesiam de Salteby nostre diocesis in usus proprios , de consensu beate memorie W. Paganelli fundatoris vestri et ejusdem ecclesie patroni auctoritate felicis recordationis Hugonis et Roberti predecessorum nostrorum evidenter apparet, extitisse concessam , ac auctoritate quarundam litterarum a sede apostolica concessarum , necnon auctoritate litterarum quarumdam a sanctis patribus quibusdam Cant' ecclesie archiepiscopis indultarum sicut ex ipsarum tenore litterarum plenius ostenditur confirmatam , nos attendentes quod in favorem sacre religionis variis ex causis predictorum patrum pietas circa dictam appropriationem et appropriationis facte confirmationem , utilitatem monasterii vestri de Drax ad divini cultus augmentum , zelo caritatis extitit prosecuta , vestris devotis supplicationibus annuentes . . . . . .[1]

[*Folio 52*]

Sentencia generalis. Note that a sentence of general excommunication was to be pronounced, in three or four churches in the deanery of Wraggoe, upon all those who had laid violent hands upon Roger of Maidwell (Maydewell'), clerk. Nettleham, May 29, 1292.

[1] The remainder of the folio is left blank.

Commissio. Commission to Master William of Langworth (Langwath'), the official of the Archdeacon of Lincoln, and Sir Robert of Burton the sequestrator, or to any two of them, to discharge Thomas de Rye, rector of Gosberton (Gosberchirch'), Joan widow of Nicholas de Rye and their fellow-executors of the will of the said Nicholas. Nettleham, May 29, 1292.

Sentencia generalis pro martino creuker. Injunction to the Dean of Aslackoe to excommunicate, in the church of Hackthorn and other neighbouring churches, all those who had pulled up and stolen trees belonging to Martin Creuker. Nettleham, June 1, 1292.

O. etc. , decano de Aslachow etc . Querelam dilecti in Christo Martini Creuker nuper recepimus continentem quod quidam iniquitatis filii et maligni spiritus consilio maliciose repleti , personas et nomina quorum ignorat ut dicit , fundum ipsius apud Hakethorn' violencia nephanda , fossatis et aliis clausuris confractis , ingredientes de nocte , crescentes in eo arbores radiciter evulserunt et etiam asportarunt , ac alia enormia inibi multipliciter commiserunt , in grave animarum suarum periculum ac ipsius Martini prejudicium non modicum et gravamen . Cum igitur in jure canonico caveatur quod si ille cui dampnum illatum est de suis injuriatoribus quorum personas ignorat ab ecclesia petierit sibi justiciam exhiberi , potest prelatus suus auctorem dampnie indeterminate excommunicationis vinculo innodare , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus tribus diebus dominicis seu festivis proximis post presentium receptionem , trina generali monitione premissa pro congrua satisfactione tanti mali et dampni prestanda , extunc omnes presumptores predictos cum omnibus suis participibus et consiliariis universis , totidem diebus in ecclesia de Hakethorn' et aliis vicinis , de quibus per dictum Martinum fueritis requisiti , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , sollempniter et pupplice in genere excommunicatis , seu excommunicari per alias faciatis . Datum apud Netilham , kalendis Junii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri tertiodecimo.

Benedictio abbatis. Note of the formal benediction of Ralph, Abbot of Tupholme (Thupholm'). Nettleham, June 1, 1292.

Dispensatio. Dispensation for bastardy granted to Reginald of Halton (Halton'), acolyte. Nettleham, June 3, 1292.

Certificatorium super bastardia. Letter addressed to the King's justices at Westminster, containing a testimonial to the legitimate birth of Richard Clement, so that the said Richard could establish a claim to land against John son of Henry Clement. Nettleham, June 3, 1292.

Venerabilibus viris et discretis domini nostri domini E. dei[1] illustris regis Anglie justiciariis apud Westmonasterium , Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus , salutem et reverenciam cum honore . Breve domini regis predicti recepimus sub hac forma :—E. etc . Sciatis quod cum Johannes filius Henrici Clement de Botingdon' in curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium peteret versus Ricardum de Bokyhull' de Botingdon' unum mesuagium et unam carucatam terre et dimidiam cum pertinenciis , excepta una virgata terre in Botingdon' , ut jus suum , de quibus idem Ricardus injuste et sine judicio disseisivit Willelmum Clement avunculum predicti Johannis , cujus heres ipse est , post primam transfretationem domini Henrici regis patris nostri in Vasconiam , idem Ricardus venit in eadem curia nostra et dixit quod ipse est consanguineus et heres predicti Willelmi , ac idem Johannes in eadem curia nostra repplicando dixit quod predictus Ricardus nullus heres esse possit eo quod bastardus est . Et quia hujusmodi causa cognitio ad forum spectat ecclesiasticum , vobis mandamus quod connotatis coram vobis connotandis , rei veritatem super hoc diligenter inquiratis , et quid inde inquiseritis constare faciatis justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium per litteras vestras patentes , et habeatis ibi hoc breve . Teste J. de Metingham apud Westmonasterium XI die Februarii anno regni nostri decimonono . — Super bastardia igitur pretacta vocatis vocandis , inquisita diligentius veritate , inventus est quod dictus Ricardus de Simone Clement de Botingdon' et Beatrice de Wynewyk matrimonialiter conjunctis genitus eorum fuit filius legitimus , non bastardus . In cujus rei testimonium litteras nostras vobis mittimus has patentes . Valete . Datum apud Netelham III nonas Junii , anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Robert of Wintringham, acolyte, to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Stow Park, June 6, 1292.

[*Folio 52*^{v}.]

Sabiniac'. Note that the Abbot of Savigny, who had been cited to appear before the bishop on the first law-day after the feast of S. James, bringing with him all muniments relating to the appropriation of the church of Long Bennington and prepared to swear canonical obedience in respect of the said church, did actually appear on the first Monday after Trinity Sunday (June 2, 1292) and obtained a respite until the following Easter. Lincoln.

Memorandum quod cum Abbas et conventus de Sabiniaco parochialem ecclesiam de Biniton' Lincoln' diocesis in usus proprios possidentes ad proximum diem juridicum post festum S. Jacobi

[1] 'gracia' omitted.

apostoli anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo peremptorie citati fuissent quod coram episcopo compararent omnia instrumenta et munimenta sua si que forsan haberent super appropriatione sua exhibituri , dictusque abbas in eventu si appareret prefatam ecclesiam sibi et conventui suo esse rationabiliter appropriatam in propria persona sua justo cessante impedimento , alioquin per procuratorem ydoneum et ad hoc mandatum sufficiens habentem canonicam obedienciam ratione ecclesie memorate episcopo in forma debita prestiturum , dictus abbas die lune in crastino sancte Trinitatis in capitulo ecclesie Lincoln' coram episcopo comparuit personaliter , et impetravit ab episcopo dilationem exhibendi hujusmodi instrumenta et munimenta , necnon alia si que haberet super exemptione sua a prestatione obediencie memorate usque ad Pascha proxime sequens.

Testimonium uxorationis. Re-issue of a testimonial to the marriage of Margery, daughter of Richard Cauz of Corringham (Coringham), in the form already drawn up.[1] Stow Park, June 6, 1292.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Robert de Hautebarg', acolyte, to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Stow Park, June 6, 1292.

Littera ordinum. Letter to the archdeacons of the diocese or their officials, announcing the bishop's intention to hold the Whitsun ordination ceremonies, and telling them to summon suitable candidates and send in a list of their names. Fingest, May 6, 1292.[2]

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis universis archidiaconis per Lincoln' diocesem constitutis vel eorum officialibus salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Quia die Sabbati quatuor temporum in septimana Pentecostes[3] proxime futura apud Lincoln' ordines nostros celebrare proponimus domino concedente , vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes quatinus omnes vicarios qui non sunt sacerdotes , ac ecclesiarum custodes in subdiaconatum nullatenus ordinatos , necnon omnes rectores et alios quoscumque qui ad suscipiendos ordines sunt astricti , citatis peremptorie , quod dictis die et loco ad nos veniant tempestive convenientes sibi ordines suscepturi , institutos post ultimum concilium Lugdun' dicto die ordinandos premuniri facientes quod sexta feria diem ordinum precedente clericis nostris ibidem venturis occurrere non postponant , ut de tempore admissionis sue cognita veritate , ex hoc appareat utrum statuto predicti concilii paruerint

[1] L.R.S. 48, p. 96.
[2] Date *sic*. This letter was evidently mislaid by the Registrar for four weeks.
[3] *Sic*.

aut alias in idem inciderint inconsulte . Ceterumque nonnulli illegitimi , irregulares seu titulos fictos sibi procurantes immo seipsos decipientes aut alias minus ydonei inter ceteros examinandos se ingerere dampnabiliter non formidant , vobis omnibus et singulis in virtute sancte obediencie et sub obtestatione divini nominis firmiter injungimus , quatinus clericis archidiaconatuum vestrorum non beneficiatis , a nobis aspirantibus ordinari , de conditionibus aut titulis testimonium perhibere nullatenus presumatis nisi probate vite fuerint et honeste ac sufficientem titulum verum habuerint et non fictum , in quibus consciencias vestras districtius oneramus . Vos autem de nominibus citatorum per vestras patentes litteras harum seriem continentes nos citra diem ordinum predictum curetis reddere certiores . Valete . Datum apud Tingehirst' II nonas Maii , anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri duodecimo.

Indulgencia. Grant of ten days' indulgence to all confessed and contrite persons who should pray for the soul of Thomas Blout of Sleaford (Lafford'), whose body is buried in Sleaford church, with ratification of all similar indulgences granted on his behalf. Stow Park, June 14, 1292.

[No heading.] Grant of twenty days' indulgence to all who should come, for the purpose of devotion, on the second Sunday after Easter or during the following octave, to the chapel dedicated by the bishop in the manor of Master Roger de Mortival (Martivall') at Noseley (Nouwesle). Stow Park, June 17, 1292.

Pro executione testamenti magistri salomonis de burn'. Mandate to the sequestrator or his representative in the deanery of Shefford, ordering him to sell the tithe hay, due to the executors of Master Solomon late rector of the church of Sutton (in Bedfordshire), to the highest bidder, and to keep the money until it could be decided to whom it should be paid. Stow Park, June 21, 1292.

O. etc. , sequestratori nostro seu ejus locum tenenti in deconatu de Schefford' salutem, etc . Quia executores testamenti Magistri Salomonis rectoris ecclesie de Sutton' defuncti fenum decimale ejusdem ecclesie ad eundem defunctum dicunt pertinere debere , nosque dictum fenum in nostrum cadere debere sequestrum , vobis mandamus quia tam per vos quam per dictos executores memorato feno plus offerenti vendito , precium inde receptum in dictorum executorum manibus sequestretur , donec discussum fuerit ad quem de jure vel consuetudine debeat pertinere . Valete . Datum apud Parcum Stowe , XI kalendas Julii , pontificatus nostri anno tertiodecimo.[1]

[1] The next entry is cancelled.

[*Folio 53*]

Commissio. Commission to Master Jocelyn of Kirmington, Archdeacon of Stow, to represent the bishop in the suit for divorce between Lauretta daughter of Henry Columbayn of Fenton, plaintiff, and Adam of Thornhaugh, defendant. Thornholm, June 25, 1292.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto in Christo filio Gocelino de Kyrnington' archidiacono Stowe , salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Cum in causa divorcii mota inter Laurettam filiam Henrici Columbayn de Fenton' actricem ex parte una , et Adam de Thornhawe reum ex altera , coram vobis seu officiale vestro sit processum in tantum quod solum superest pro divorcio sentencia diffinitiva ferenda , ac ad vos in hujusmodi causis ubi locus est divorcio non pertineat diffinire , de vestre discretionis peritia confidentes , ad sentenciandum in causa predicta et[1] cetera faciendum que in premissis requiruntur agenda , vobis tanquam canonico Lincoln' familiari clerico nostro vices nostras committimus cum cohercionis canonice potestate . Valete . Datum apud Thornholm' , VII kalendas Julii , anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri XIII.

Dispensatio. Dispensation for bastardy granted to Hugh of Barton, acolyte. Thornholm, June 25, 1292.

Commissio. Commission to the Dean of Yarborough and to Master Simon, rector of Aylesby (Alesby), to discharge John son of Lambert of Whaplode (Quappelad') and his fellow-executors of the will of Sir Edmund of Whaplode. Barton-on-Humber, June 27, 1292.

Sentencia generalis pro furto.[2] Mandate to the Dean of Yarborough, ordering him to excommunicate, in the churches of S. Peter and S. Mary at Barton, and other churches in the deanery, all those who had stolen the goods of Adam of Ferriby, a paralysed man living in Barton. Thornton, June 29, 1292.

O. etc. , decano de Jordeburgh' , etc . Relatione quorundam nuper ad auditiam nostram pervenit quod quidam iniquitatis filii , persone quorum et nomina ignorantur , bona Ade de Feriby in Barton' gravi egritudine utpote paralitico morbo percussi , etiam usque ad majorem partem substancie sue clam e domibus suis et furtive surripuentes ea in intolerabile ipsius dispendium asportarunt . Nos vero eidem Ade eo amplius condolentes , quo ipse exigit morbi proprietas juribus quasi omnino frustratus propria nequit sollicitudine gubernare , conspicientesque in concilio Oxon' preceptum ut inter ceteros malefactores ter vel quater in anno fures atrociores majoris excommunicationis sentencia innodentur , vobis in virtute obediencie

[1] *Bis.* [2] Drawing of a hand in the margin.

firmiter injungendo mandamus , quod omnes illos qui bona predicta in pecunia ac aliis rebus diversarum speciarum consistentia amovendo furtum hujusmodi perpetrarunt , trina monitione premissa , quod ducti penitencia ad satisfactione venire non tardent , in ecclesiis beati Petri et beate Marie de Barton' ac aliis decanatus vestri de quibus ex parte dicti Ade fueritis requisiti , tribus diebus dominicis seu festivis , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , in genere solempniter excommunicari curetis vel excommunicari per alios faciatis . Datum apud Thornton , III kalendas Julii , anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri XIII.

Indulgencia. Grant of twenty days' indulgence to all who should come, for the purpose of devotion, on the Monday of Rogation-tide, to the conventual church of Thornholm, in which the bishop had consecrated three altars, with ratification of all similar indulgences. Thornton, June 29, 1292.

Commissio. Commission to the Dean of Yarborough and to Master Simon, rector of Aylesby (Alesby), to discharge Adam, rector of the mediety of Keelby (Keleby), and his fellow-executors of the will of Peter, son of Gilbert Crispin of Barton. Thornton, June 30, 1292.

Dispensatio. Dispensation for bastardy granted to Simon Joppe, clerk, of Whaplode, the son of a clerk and an unmarried woman. Grimsby, July 2, 1292.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory to Ralph son of Ralph of Grimsby, acolyte, to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Humberstone, July 4, 1292.

Pro quadraginta solidis de bonis magistri de fresken' levandis. Mandate to the sequestrator, ordering him to pay to the bishop forty shillings from the estate of the late Master Hugh of Friskney, claimed by Malcolm the King's eschaetor, provided that he could do so without prejudice to the suit pending between the said Master Hugh's widow and daughter. Humberstone, July 4, 1292.

O. etc. , sequestratori seu ejus locum tenenti salutem , etc. Quoniam domini Malcolmi eschaetoris domini regis clericus nobis in ejusdem domini curia litem movet pro quadraginta solidis per quondam magistrum Hugonem de Freskeneye debitis quos sibi modis [*Folio 53v*] omnibus nos solvere oportebit , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus de bonis prefati magistri Hugonis eandem pecuniam levatis , et nobis sine more dispendio mittatis eandem , dum tamen sine juris alieni et litis in curia Cant' inter relictam dicti magistri Hugonis et filiam ipsius magistri mote

prejudicio id facere valeatis . Datum apud Humberstayn' IIII nonas Julii , pontificatus nostri anno tertiodecimo.

Commissio. Commission to the Archdeacon of Stow to provide a guardian for Henry, vicar of Coates, who was said to be out of his mind. Louth, July 6, 1292.

II nonas Julii anno XIII apud Ludam commisit episcopus vices suas archidiacono Stowe ad providendum Henrico vicario ecclesie de Cotes juxta Stowam mentis incompositionem ut dicitur patienti de curatore , et habuit litteram in forma que in hujus quaterni principio continetur . Postmodum mutata fuit illa forma , et exivit littera sub forma que sequitur :—Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto in Christo filio . . . . . .[1] archidiacono Stowe salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Cum Henricus vicarius ecclesie de Cotes juxta Stowam ad curam sibi incumbentem insufficiens ut intelleximus reputetur , nos de vestra fidelitate pariter et industria confidentes , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus si est ita eidem vicario curatorem dando , vel alias sibi et ecclesie consulendo , faciatis quod honori divino convenire videritis vice nostra . Valete . Datum apud Ludam , pridie nonas Julii anno domini etc . nonagesimo secundo.

Commissio. Commission to Masters William of Thornton and William of Langworth (Langewath'), canons of Lincoln, to represent the bishop in a case of usury between Robert de Cormayles, plaintiff, and Richard son of Sara of Somerby (Summeretby), defendant. Louth, July 9, 1292.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory to Richard of Maltby (Malteby), acolyte, to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Louth, July 11, 1292.

Commissio. Commission to the Prior of Markby, Hervey rector of S. Mary's, Mablethorpe, and the vicar of Bilsby, or any two of them, to represent the bishop in the suit concerning the goods of Avis and Eleanor (successively wives of William Ketel of Theddlethorpe) at issue between William Ketel, Gilbert son of Simon Cross, Gilbert and Avis children of William Ketel, plaintiffs, and William and Alan sons of Reginald Treknut, defendants, provided that the clothes of the said Eleanor were included among her goods. Markby, July 11, 1292.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis . . . . . .[1] priori de Markeby et Herveo rectori ecclesie beate Marie de Malberthorp' ac vicario ecclesie de Billesby salutem , graciam et benedictionem . In causa super bonis testamenti quondam Hawisie uxoris Willelmi Ketel de Thetelthorp' ac Alianore secunde

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uxoris ejusdem Willelmi nuper defuncte contingentibus mota inter ipsum Willelmum et Gilbertum filium Simonis ad Crucem, executores testamenti Hawisie predicte , ac Gilbertum et Hawisiam natos memorati Willelmi ex una parte, et Willelmum ac Alanum filios Reginaldi Treknut ex altera , vobis vices nostras committimus cum cohercionis canonice potestate , proviso quod vestes Alianore predicte in dictorum veniant collectione bonorum . Quod si non omnes hiis interfueritis exequendum , duo vestrum ea nihilominus exequantur . Valete . Datum apud Markeby V idus Julii anno domini , etc. , nonagesimo secundo.

Pro testimento rectoris ecclesie de beseby. Commission to the sub-prior of Markby and the vicar of Bilsby to deal with the will of the late rector of Beesby-in-the-Marsh, whose executors had proved to be dishonest. Markby, July 13, 1292.

O. etc. , dilectis in Christo filiis . . . . . .[1] suppriori domus de Markeby et . . . . . .[1] vicario ecclesie de Billesby salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Nuper ecclesie de Beseby rector in fata decedens et ultime voluntatis sue quosdam constituit executores qui magis nituntur ut intelleximus lucrum sibi facere quam voluntatem testatoris implere . Nos vero qui curare debemus ut ultime voluntates decedentium debtum[2] sortiantur effectum , vos in administratione bonorum ad dictum testamentum spectantium eisdem executoribus ex officii nostri debito duximus adjungendum , mandantes quatinus in presencia et sub testimonio fidedignorum tam illorum qui facultatem et rerum prefati defuncti meliorem noticiam habuerunt , quam aliorum , plenum inventarium et fidele de predictis bonis confici faciatis , extunc exactam diligenciam adhibentes quod novissima dispositio memorati defuncti effectui debito mancipetur , et postremo de omnibus prefatis bonis fidele ratiocinium cum tempus poposcerit persolvatur . Valete . Datum apud Markeby III idus Julii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Commissio. Commission to the Dean of Horncastle and Hill and to Master Roger rector of Great Sturton (Straton') to discharge the executors of John Kirkeman and Simon Chamberlain (Camerarius) of Edlington (Edelington'). Bardney, July 19, 1292.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory to William of Hameringham, deacon, to receive the priesthood from any Catholic bishop. Bardney, July 20, 1292.

Sentencia generalis. Mandate to all the rural deans of the archdeaconry of Lincoln to excommunicate all those infringing the rights and liberties of the church or monastery of Bardney. Bardney, July 20, 1292.

[1] Blank in MS. [2] *Sic, recte* 'debitum'.

O. etc. , dilectis in Christo filiis universis decanis per archidiaconatum Lincoln' constitutis salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Cum notorium exploratique juris existat quod non tamen omnes qui auferunt ecclesiis sua jura , et qui per maliciam libertates earundem infringunt , sint a jure novissimo majoris excommunicationis vinculo innodati , set[1] [*Folio 54*] omnes qui libertates contentiose turbent easdem sunt et a jure similiter majoris excommunicationis laqueo involuti , quod per interpretationem constitutionis concilii provincialis non solum de libertatibus generalibus universalis ecclesie intelligitur , set[1] et de singularibus ecclesie cujuscumque , vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus , ut pena inequorum quorundam sit metus multorum , omnes illos qui ecclesiam seu monasterium de Bardeney quantum ad decimas eisdem debitas ab antiquo in decanatibus vestris suo jure privare presumunt , vel libertates ejusdem ecclesie seu monasterii de Bardeney circa liberam perceptionem decimarum earundem vel alio modo injuste infringunt seu etiam contentiose perturbant , in predictam excommunicationis sentenciam incidisse , et sic excommunicatos esse , in ecclesiis decanatuum vestrorum , de quibus ex parte . . . . . .[2] abbatis et conventus monasterii memorati fueritis requisi[3] , tribus diebus dominicis et festivis intra missarum solempnia post lectum ewangelium , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , solempniter et pupplice nuncietis seu faciatis per alios de quorum fidelitate et diligencia confideritis nunciari , et quid super hiis omnibus duxeritis faciendum nos per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem continentes non tardetis , cum per dictos . . . . . .[2] abbatem et conventum seu procuratorem ipsorum fueritis requisiti , tempestive reddere certiores . Datum apud Bardeney XIII kalendas Augusti anno domini , etc. , nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri tertiodecimo.

Absolutio edwardi de halestr' presbiteri. Absolution of Edward de Halestr' from a sentence of excommunication incurred by assaulting Alan of Kirton, priest, on condition that the said Edward was suspended from the exercise of priestly functions in any place until Michaelmas 1292, and in the diocese of Lincoln for ever. A letter from the papal penitentiary, dated at S. Peter's on May 23, 1292, is quoted in full. Nettleham, July 22, 1292.

O. permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto in Christo filio Edwardo de Halestr' presbitero nostri diocesis salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Litteras . . . . . .[2] penitenciarii sacrosancte sedis apostolice nobis pro te directas recepimus sub hac forma :— Venerabili in Christo patri . . . . .[2] dei gracia episcopo Lincoln' frater Rogerus sacrosancte Romane ecclesie penitenciarius salutem in domino . Edwardum de Halestr' presbiterum vestre diocesis latorem

[1] *Sic.* [2] Blank in MS. [3] *Sic, recte* ' requisiti '.

presentium , qui in Alanum de Kyrketon' presbiterum socium suum manus violentas usque ad sanguinis effusionem injecit , ad vos auctoritate sedis apostolice ab excommunicatione quam propter hoc incurrit remittimus juxta formam ecclesie absolutum , mandantes eidem inter alia sub debito prestiti juramenti , ut passo injuriam si non satisfecit satisfaciat competenter . Vos autem considerata culpa ipsius injungatis ei penitenciam salutarem . Quod si forte satisfacere contempserit , ipsum in excommunicationis vinculum reducatis . Datum Rome apud sanctum Petrum X kalendas Junii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo , apostolica sede vacante . — Nos vero constante sufficienter de satisfactione leso prestita memorato , te inter cetera pro penitencia salutari tibi injuncta , considerata culpa tua , ab officio sacerdotali usque ad festum sancti Michaelis proximo futurum simpliciter , et extunc tuo perpetuo in nostra diocese tantum duximus suspendendum . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Nettelham undecimo kalendas Augusti anno domini supradicto et pontificatus nostri tertiodecimo.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory to Simon Joppe of Whaplode (Quappelade), clerk, to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Stainfield, July 22, 1292.

Dispensatio. Dispensation granted to Edward de Halestre for taking part in divine service while under a sentence of excommunication incurred by assaulting Alan of Kirton. Edward had promised to go on crusade. Nettleham, July 22, 1292.

Oliverus , etc. , dilecto in Christo filio Edwardo de Halestre presbitero salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Cum dispensandi clericis qui de nostris manibus crucem susceperunt ut in terram sanctam suis sumptibus vel alicujus in propriis proficiscantur personis vel juxta facultates suas viros ydoneos pro se mittant , super irregularitate quam cum excommunicationis sentenciam latam a canone vel ab homine incurrissent , immiscendo se divinis officiis seu ministrando in susceptis ordinibus contraxerunt , commissa nobis a sede apostolica sit potestas , ac tu crucem de nostris manibus susceperis ut tuis vel alienis expensis personaliter proficiscaris in subsidium dicte terre sancte , super irregularitate quam cum majoris excommunicationis sentencia pro violenta manuum injectione in Alanum de Kyrketon' presbiterum per te temere perpetrata esses auctoritate canonis innodatus , immiscendo te celebrationi divinorum, contraxisti , auctoritate predicta tecum misericorditer dispensamus , suspicionem tamen per nos occasione dicte violencie in te latam revocare per hoc nullatenus intendentes . In quorum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Nettelham XI kalendas Augusti anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri XIII.

[*Folio 54*v.]

COMMISSIO. Commission to Master William of Langworth (Langewath') canon of Lincoln, to examine the activities of the Dean of Christianity and his fellow-executors of the will of Richard, chaplain of the church of Holy Trinity, Wigford (Wykiford'), Lincoln, and to see that justice was done to creditors and legatees. Stow Park, July 26, 1292.

COMMISSIO. Commission to the Prior of Spalding to reconcile the churchyard of Bicker (Byker) which had been polluted by bloodshed. Stow Park, July 31, 1292.

TOLERANCIA CANTARIE. Licence to Master Joyce of Raithby to keep his private chapel at Raithby during the time of his illness. Laughton, August 3, 1292.

Oliverus , etc. , magistro Jocio de Raytheby nostre diocesis salutem , etc . Devotionem tuam quam ad divina geris officia audienda necnon infirmitate corporis tui qua continue laborare diceris attendentes , ut in loco honesto infra mansum tuum apud Raytheby divina dumtaxat officia durante infirmitate hujusmodi salva in omnibus indempnitate et honore matricis ecclesie tue tibi facias celebrari usque ad beneplacitum nostrum benignius toleramus . Datum apud Laghton' III nonas Augusti anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri XIII.

SENTENCIA GENERALIS. Note of a sentence of general excommunication, to be published by the Dean of Gartree, on all those who infringed the liberties of the church of Bucknall (Bukenhale). Stow Park, August 6, 1292.

SENTENCIA GENERALIS. Note of a sentence of general excommunication, to be published by the Dean of Peterborough, on all those who prevented the executors of Master John Hook (Hok'), Archdeacon of Bedford, from administering his goods in Pilsgate (Pillesiate) and Thorpe Mandeville (Suthrop') or anywhere else. Stow Park, August 6, 1292.

PRO ECCLESIA DE EDWURTH'. Mandate to the sequestrator or subsequestrator in the deanery of Shefford to sequestrate the revenues of the church of Edworth and to hold them pending an inquiry as to whether Hugh des Vaux (Vallibus) the rector had been instituted to the vicarage of Ogbourne (Parva Okeburn') in the diocese of Winchester.[1] Stow Park, August 7, 1292.

[NO HEADING.] Confirmation of the election of John of Gelston as Prior of Nocton Park. Stow Park, August 7, 1292.

[1] *Recte* Salisbury.

In dei nomine amen . Auditis et intellectis meritis processus electionis facte de fratre Johanne de Geveleston' cellarario domus de parco de Nocton' in priorem loci ejusdem , quia nos O. permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus visis depositionibus testium predictorum invenimus dictam electionem , quibusdam calumpniis quibus processus predictus posset forte subici de rigore juris proper simplicitatem eligentium de benignitate omissis , de persona ydonea in concordia electa nullo contradictore existente canonice celebratam , eam confirmamus auctoritate pontificali , dicto electo taliter confirmato curam et administrationem spiritualium et temporalium domus predicte plenius committentes . Actum apud Parcum Stowe VII idus Augusti anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Thorkesay. Confirmation of the election of William of Rasen as Prior of Torksey. Stow Park, August 7, 1292.

In dei nomine amen . Cum nos Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus processum electionis facte de fratre Willelmo de Rasen' suppriore domus de Thorkesay in priorem loci ejusdem plenius examinantes , invenimus omnes concanonicos dicti fratris Willelmi in ipsum unanimiter consensisse , eundemque in simplicitate sua quatinus sciverunt concorditer elegisse , nos attendentes subtilitate juris circa formas in electionibus servandas non esse precipue inter personas simplices nimium innitendas quoniam electio in concordia celebratur , ideoque si quid circa formam electionis hujusmodi ex simplici quadam imperitia forsitan sit omissum , quantum in nobis est de benignitate supplentes , dictam electionem tanquam canonice celebratam auctoritate pontificali confirmamus , prefato Willelmo taliter confirmato curam et administrationem dicte domus in spiritualibus et temporalibus plenius committentes . Actum apud Parcum Stowe VII kalendas Augusti anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri anno[1] tertiodecimo.

Folio 55.

Sentencia generalis. Mandate to the Deans of Holland, Horncastle and Hill, Gartree and Wraggoe, to excommunicate all those who had assaulted and injured Henry of Donnington and another clerk in the manse of Stenigot, compelling one of them to kiss the posterior of a horse, and preventing him from going to get his wounds treated, and who had moreover detained William of Willingham, a chaplain, by violence. A report was to be made to the bishop. Stow Park, August 8, 1292.

O. permissione divina etc. . . . . .[2] de Hoyland' . . . . . .[2] Hornc' et Hille . . . . . .[2] de Gayrtr' et Wraghow decanis salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Ad aures nostras clamosa insinuatione fuit nuper

[1] Interlined. [2] Blank in MS.

perlatum quod nonnulli diabolici ministri illius spiritu nequam agitati cui ministrare noscuntur in Henricum de Donigton' clericum impios manus crudeliter inicientes ipsum infra mansum ecclesie de Stanigod et quemdam alium ipsius ecclesie ministrum nequiter verberarunt , male tractarunt et atrociter vulnerarunt , hiisque non contenti eundem clericum quod abhominabile est dictu posterius cujusdam equi osculari inhumaniter coegerunt , illumque taliter afflictum et obprobrio saturatum ne a manso predicto pro curatione vulnerum seu languorem alibi procuranda abduci posset impedierunt et temere perturbarunt , Willelmum de Wullingham' capellanum metu dampni et periculi corporis vitandi a villa predicta remotius fugientem ad eandem villam violenter reducentes invitum , in dei et ecclesie sue ac libertatis ecclesiastice prejudicium et ordinis clericalis obprobrium et vehemens scandalum plurimorum . Cum igitur certo certius dictos sceleratos et nequissimos sacrilegos vinculo majoris excommunicationis ipso jure suo facto esse ligatos , hujusmodi sacrilegos et sceleris patratores sub dissimulatione impunitos reliquere quam perniciosum exemplo nostro judicio reputemus , vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus omnes et singulos transgressores predictos cum suis auctoribus , fautoribus , consilio aut precepto , in singulis ecclesiis decanatuum vestrorum in quibus videritis expedire singulis diebus dominicis et festivis donec aliud a nobis super hoc habueritis in mandatis, intra missarum solempnia , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , solempniter in genere excommunicatos et a liminibus sacrosancte ecclesie sequestratos et per consequenciam diabolo et ejus ministris mancipatos esse denuncietis seu per alios denunciari faciatis , omnes illos quos per inquisitionem seu propriam confessionem aut alio legitimo modo culpabiles inveneritis in hac parte citetis peremptorie quod certis die et loco sibi pro arbitrio vestro statuendo compareant coram nobis ubicumque tunc fuerimus in nostra diocese penam pro suis demeritis recepturi , et facturi quod justicia suadebit . Vos autem qualiter hoc mandatum nostrum fueritis executi nos litteris suis patentibus harum seriem ac nomina omnium si quos forsan citaveritis occasione pretacta , ac causam et culpam uniuscujusque una cum die et forma citationis eis facte continentibus apertius certificet quilibet vestrum tempore oportuno . Datum apud Parcum Stowe VI idus Augusti anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri anno XIII.

Sentencia Generalis. Note of a sentence of general excommunication, to be published by the Dean of Walshcroft, against all those who had beaten and maltreated Osbert called Moortan of Rasen. Stow Park, August 9, 1292.

Commissio. Commission to the Dean of Calceworth and the vicar of Bilsby (Billesby) to discharge the executors of the will of

Master Peter, late rector of the mediety of Toynton S. Peter (Toynton'). Stow Park, August 10, 1292.

Commissio. Commission to the Dean of Framland and Master William rector of Harby (Herdeby) to discharge the executors of the will of Bartholomew son of Alan of Harby. Stow Park, August 10, 1292.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory to William son of John at the church of Willoughton (Wilghton') to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Stow Park, August 11, 1292.

Sentencia generalis. Note of a sentence of general excommunication, to be published by the Dean of Manlake, against all those who had laid violent hands on Roger son of Master William of Kirton (Kirketon'), clerk. Stow Park, August 12.

Commissio. Commission to the Dean of Oxford to represent the bishop in a suit between Geoffrey of Lincoln (Linc'), clerk, plaintiff, and Master Roger of Fleet (Flet'), clerk, defendant. Nettleham, August 16, 1292.

Commissio. Commission to Master William of Langworth (Langwath') and to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, conjointly or separately, to discharge Sir Simon of Buckminster (Bukminstr'), knight, Geoffrey called de Brun and their fellow-executors of the will of Sir Robert of Horbling (Orbeling'). Nettleham, August 17, 1292.

[*Folio 55v.*]

Commissio. Commission to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, and Master Thomas vicar of Moulton, conjointly or separately, to discharge the executors of the will of William of Skirbeck. Nettleham, August 18, 1292.

Pro ricardo de thyso capellano. Dispensation to Richard of Tysoe, priest, for having ministered while under sentence of excommunication for striking a clerk in a churchyard. A letter from the papal penitentiary, dated at Rome on March 18, 1292, is quoted in full. Nettleham, August 18, 1292.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto in Christo filio Ricardo de Thyso presbitero salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Litteras . . . . .[1] penitenciarii domini pape nobis pro te directas recepimus, sub hac forma : — Venerabili in Christo patri . . . . . .[1] dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo frater Rogerus domini pape penitenciarius salutem in domino . Ricardum de Thyso presbiterum vestre

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diocesis latorem presentium , qui in quemdam clericum usque ad sanguinis effusionem in ecclesie cimiterio manus injecit temere violentas , ab excommunicatione quam propter hoc incurrit ad vos auctoritate domini pape remittimus juxta formam ecclesie absolutum , mandantes eidem inter alia sub debito juramenti prestiti ut injuriam passo et ecclesie cujus immunitatem violavit , si non satisfecit , satisfaciat competenter , vobis auctoritate predicta committimus quatinus injuncta ei pro culpe modo penitencia salutari , eo quod ad tempus prout expedire videritis a suorum ordinum executione suspenso , demum suffragantibus sibi meritis alioque canonico non obstante , super irregularitate qua sit ligatus per simplicitatem et juris ignoranciam non tamen in contemptum clavium in suis ordinibus ministrando , vel alias se divinis immiscendo contraxit , cum ipso misericorditer dispensetis , ipsum si satisfacere forte contempserit in excommunicationis sentenciam reducentes . Datum Rome , XV kalendas Aprilis pontificatus domini Nicholai pape quarti anno quinto . — Nos vero satisfacto per te leso prout ad sancta dei ewangelia prestito juramento firmasti , injuncta tibi pro culpe modo penitencia salutari , teque ad tempus ab ordinum tuorum executione suspenso , super irregularitate ut premittitur contracta auctoritate nobis in hac parte commissa dum tamen aliud canonicum non obsistat , tecum misericorditer dispensamus . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Nettelham quintodecimo kalendas Septembris , anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Pro eodem ricardo. Letters patent of Bishop Sutton, quoting in full a letter from the papal penitentiary, given at Rome on April 18, 1292, and absolving Richard of Tysoe from any share of blame for a fight in Deddington churchyard. Sutton's letter announces that there is no reason why Richard should be suspended, and that he is free to minister in holy orders. Nettleham, August 18, 1292.

Tenore presentium pateat universis quod nos Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus litteras venerabilis patris domini Mathei dei gracia Portuen' et sancte Ruffine episcopi , sacrosancte sedis apostolice penitenciarii , recepimus sub hac forma : — Venerabili in Christo patri . . . . .[1] dei gracia episcopo Lincoln', frater Matheus miseratione divina Portuen' et sancte Ruffine episcopus salutem et sinceram in domino caritatem . Sua nobis Ricardus de Thyso presbiter lator presentium petitione monstravit quod eo nuper in ingressu cimiterii ecclesie de Dadington' vestre diocesis , cujus curam gerebat , existente , venerunt quidam adinvicem contendentes , quorum unus maligno spiritu concitatus candelabrum ferreum de manu cujusdam prebiteri nomine Symonis cum tanto abstulit impetu ut seipsum

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usque ad interitum perforaret , postmodum vero quidam laicus arcum suum tendens sagittam in eo apposuit ut ipsi Simoni mortem daret , ac idem Ricardus videns hujusmodi pericula in ipso cimiterio imminere seipsum interposuit in quantum poterat ut pacificaret eosdem cum quodam baculo ne ibidem homicidium eveniret , cordam et sagittam confringens easdem , ex quo sagittarius ipse nimio furore accensus cum arcu ipso graviter percussit eundem , cujus sagittarii socius adeo Ricardum ipsum in capite vulneravit quod tanquam mortuus habebatur . Ceteri autem in ipso cimiterio inter se acerrime congredientes invicem percusserunt , ita quod unus tunc letaliter vulneratus post paucos dies spiritum exalavit[1] , eodem Ricardo penitus nesciente nec vidente , eo quod attonitus ex susceptis ictibus quasi alienatus jacebat , super quibus jam dictus Ricardus sedem apostolicam adiens supplicavit humiliter non consciencie quam inde se proponit habere sinceram set[2] fame que de facili corruptione subicitur dum a detrahente mordetur , et ne quis emulus aliquid ex hoc in ipsum detractionis impingerat per sedem ipsam salutari remedio subveniri . Ad vos igitur qui de facto et facti circumstanciis in partibus ipsis habere poteritis noticiam pleniorem Ricardum remittimus eundem , auctoritate domini pape cujus [*Folio 56*] penitenciarie curam gerimus paternitati vestre presentium tenore committimus quatinus inquisita super premissis diligentius veritate si rei veritas sic se habet denuncietis presbiterum ipsum ob premissa nullo irregularitatis impedimento teneri . Datum Rome XV kalendas Aprilis pontificatus domini Nicholai pape quarti anno quinto . — Ad cujus penitenciarii mandatum facta super premissis inquisitione diligenti , nichil per eam inventum est propter quod memoratus Ricardus ab executione suorum ordinum debeat impediri vel alias pro irregulari haberi , unde ipsum in hac parte sue consciencie duximus relinquendum . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Nettilham' XV kalendas Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Sentencia generalis pro abbate et conventu de bardeney. To the Dean of Lafford, ordering him to warn Sir Gilbert de Gaunt and his supporters to cease from preventing the Abbot and convent of Bardney from collecting their tithes in Skendleby, Heckington and Folkingham, and, if he would not do so, to cite him to appear before the bishop or his commissary at Sleaford on August 25, in spite of the fact that it was the time of harvest. A report was to be made to the bishop. Lincoln, August 16, 1292.

O. etc. , decano de Lafford' etc . Licet omnes auferentes ecclesiis sua jura et libertates earundem etiam singularis ecclesie cujuscumque per maliciam infringentes et sine fractione ipsas contentiose turbantes sunt ipso facto auctoritate sancti concilii majoris excommunicationis

[1] *Sic, recte* ' exhalavit '. [2] *Sic.*

sentencia innodati , nosque omnes et singulos monasterium seu ecclesiam de Bardeneye quantum ad decimas ad idem monasterium ab antiquo spectantes vel ipsius libertates circa liberam perceptionem decimarum hujusmodi vel alio modo injuste infringunt seu etiam contentiose perturbunt in predictam excommunicationis sentenciam incidisse et excommunicatos esse in locis pluribus et precipue in decanatu de Lafford' certa consideratione nuper fecerimus pupplice nunciari nobilis tamen vir dominus Gilbertus de Gaunt . . . . . .[1] abbatem et conventum monasterii predicti decimas de dominicis ipsius domini G. in Skendelby , Hekington' et Folkingham' , in quarum possessione pacifica juris vel quasi iidem religiosi fuerunt a tempore retroacto cujus memoria non accurrit , libere colligere et collectas abducere prout decet per excogitatam maliciam per se aut suos de novo temere ac notorie impedire vel perturbare presumpsit[2] , ita quod hujusmodi decime in direptionem sunt date et alias periture , et adhuc dampnabiliter presumit ut dicunt , in anime ipsius domini G. grave periculum et perniciosissimum exemplum plurimorum , super quo sibi de remedio congruo provideri a nobis instantius postularunt . Quocirca vobis mandamus in virtute obediencie firmiter injungentes quatinus si dictos religiosos circa collectionem et abductionem decimarum suarum predictarum inveneritis ut premittitur impeditos , assumptis vobiscum sex aut pluribus pro arbitrio vestro rectoribus , vicariis seu capellanis parochialibus decanatus vestri ad dictum dominum G. si in eodem decanatu inveniatur personaliter accedentes ipsum vice et auctoritate nostra moneatis et efficaciter inducatis ut a sentencia a jure lata et auctoritate nostra pupplicata de qua sit mentio supra , et offensa Cayni in oblatione decime commissa consultius sibi cavens ac studens quod deus ad munera sua sicut ad Abel respiciat , ab hujusmodi perturbatione et impedimento prefatis religiosis decetero inferendis prorsus desistat et de presumptis satisfaciat ut tenetur . Alioquin eundem et omnes sibi adherentes seu sibi[2] ministrantes in hac parte de quorum nominibus et personis vobis constare poterit citetis peremptorie absque mora quod in crastino sancti Bartholomei apud Lafford' coram nobis vel commissario nostro compareant personaliter propter ipsius negotii vehemenciam et notoritatem facti actu permanentes ut dicitur , dictis . . . . . .[1] abbati et conventu per viam notorii prout hujusmodi negotii qualitas et natura requirunt ac nobis ex officio responsuri , facturi et recepturi quod justicia suadebit . Qualiter presens mandatum nostrum duxeritis exequendum nos litteris vestris[2] patentibus harum seriem et nomina vobis . . . . . .[1] assistentium in hoc facto et etiam perturbationem et impedimentum dictis religiosis in hac parte illatas et eorum modo et nomina perturbatorum hujusmodi una cum responso dicti domini G. vobis dato si forte inveniatur apertius continentibus certificetis tempore oportuno , constare facientes dicto domino G. et aliis quos

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citaveritis occasione predicta quod dictum diem adeo brevem in instanti tempore messium fecimus assignari propter dicti negotii qualitatem et ipsius loci vicinitatem , ad quem citatio est facienda . Datum Lincoln' XVII kalendas Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri XIII.

Commissio. Commission to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, and the Dean of Wraggoe to discharge the executors of the will of William ad le Bek' of Holton (Houton'). Nettleham, August 19, 1292.

Commissio. Commission to the official of the Archdeacon of Stow to represent the bishop in a dispute about tithes between Master William, rector of Caenby (Cavenby), plaintiff, and Richard, vicar of Glentham, defendant. Nettleham, August 21, 1292.

[*Folio 56v*]

Procuratorium.[1] Letters patent of the bishop, appointing Master Stephen of Tathwell (Tawell') proctor-general at the Roman Curia. London, February 23, 1291.

Procuratorium.[1] Letters patent, in substantially the same form as above, appointing Master Stephen of Tathwell (Tawell') proctor of the bishop in all cases called, or to be called hereafter, to the Curia, before whatsoever judges, auditors, commissaries or arbitrators. London, February 23, 1291.

[No heading.] Injunction to the brethren of the Hospital of the Holy Innocents outside Lincoln to present a suitable candidate to the church of the Holy Innocents before the feast of All Saints. Lincoln, August 21, 1292.

[*Folio 57*]

Captio. Letter to the King asking for the arrest of Robert of Ashington (Essington') who had been excommunicated. Nettleham, August 21, 1292.

Pro rectore ecclesie de ketelby. Mandate to the Dean of Framland to warn, and if necessary excommunicate, all those who prevented the rector of Kettleby from collecting his tithe of hay. Nocton, August 22, 1292.

O. etc. , dilecto in Christo filio . . . . . .[2] decano de Framelund' salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Cum omnes illi qui ecclesias suo jure maliciose privare presumunt aut per maliciam libertates earundem infringere vel perturbare contendunt sint sacrarum

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constitutionum auctoritate majoris excommunicationis sentencia innodati , quod non solum de libertatibus generalibus universalis ecclesie verum etiam de specialibus tam temporalibus quam spiritualibus ecclesie cujuscumque intelligendum existet , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus omnes illos dampnate iniquitatis filios quorum nomina ut asseritur ignorantur qui rectorem parochialis ecclesie de Ketelby quominus libera perceptione decima feni de quodam prato infra limites predicte ecclesie quod Estheng' vulgariter appellatur provenientis ad ecclesiam predictam pleno jure spectantis , in cujus etiam juris percipiendi eandem decimam et ipsius decime possessione pacifice tam idem rector quam predecessores ipsius a longissimis retrotemporibus existebant , prout de jure debuit , gaudere valebat , in hoc instanti autumpno temere impedierunt seu adhuc impediunt minus juste , hujusmodi decimam temere amovendo et asportando injuste , jusque possessionem statum et libertatem predicte ecclesie taliter perturbando , tribus diebus dominicis seu festivis intra missarum solempnia in dicta ecclesia de Kettelby et vicinis in genere moneatis quod de presumptis deo et ecclesie ipsiusque rectori predicto satisfaciant et a consimilibus presumptionibus imposterum desistere non postponant . Alioquin omnes hujusmodi temerarios presumptores totidem diebus dominicis et festivis in locis et hora predictis , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , solempniter et pupplice per vos seu alios in genere excommunicetis seu excommunicatos esse taliter nuncietis . Datum apud Nocton' XI kalendas Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri XIII.

Commissio pro capitulo Lincoln et prebenda de Ayles [Byry.][1] Mandate to the Archdeacon of Buckingham to represent the bishop in settling a dispute between the Dean and chapter of Lincoln and the prebendary of Aylesbury over twelve acres of land pertaining to the chapel of Bierton and certain other tithes. Nocton, August 22, 1292.

Oliverus , etc. , ...[2] archidiacono Buk' salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Cum inter dilectos in Christo filios . . . . . .[2] decanum et capitulum ecclesie nostre Lincoln' , de Querendon' , Byrton' , Stokes et Bokland' capellas in usus proprios cum suis pertinenciis impresentiarum habentes ac . . . . . .[2] nunc prebendarium prebende de Eylesbyry[3] dictis capellis ab ea exceptis seu prorsus separatis auctoritate apostolica noviter ordinate super proprietate unius culture duodecim acrarum terre utrum ad ecclesiam de Aylesbyry[3] ratione territorii ejusdem loci vel ad capellam de Byrton' ea ratione quod in campo ipsius loci dicitur contineri debeat pertinere , necnon super quibusdam decimis quarundam aliarum terrarum quid quis percipere debeat de eisdem ac etiam super limitatione seu distinctione

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camporum de Eylesbyry et de Byrton' adhuc incerta partibus supradictis ut pretenditur altercatio et vehemens dubitatio ut audivimus est exorta , et major ut verisimiliter creditur oriri possit[1] in futurum , nos hujusmodi defensionem quantum in nobis est sopiri et penitus terminari volentes , de vestraque fidelitate et circumspectione fiduciam habentes pleniorem , ad inquirendum de plano indagandum et fideliter procurandum , tam per viros fidedignos hinc et inde concorditer fieri poterit , alioquin per sex ex una parte et sex ex alia nominandos et assumendos , exacto ab eisdem juramento de veritate dicenda , quam per alia munimenta et adminicula quecumque se offerentia in hoc casu , quid ad unam partem et quid ad alteram pertinere debeat in premissis , et post exactam indaginem ad dicendum , ordinandum et statuendum circa ea quod equum videbitur pro tempore presenti et in perpetuo in futurum , nobis si decanus et capitulum pro se et prefatus prebendarius pro se ad hoc consenserint prout inter se fecisse dicuntur , vices nostras committimus cum cohercionis canonice potestate . Valete . Datum apud Nocton' undecimo kalendas Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri XIII.

Commissio.[2] Mandate to Master Matthew of Dunstable, rector of the mediety of Elstow and collector of the funds for the crusade, to deal with money due from Nicholas called Caper of Huntingdon, executor of the will of Sir Berengar de Meynge, knight. A report was to be made to the bishop. Sleaford, August 26, 1292.

Oliverus , etc. , dilecto in Christo filio magistro Matheo de Dunstaple rectori medietatis ecclesie de Elnestowe collectori obventionum subsidii terre sancte in diocese nostra per venerabilem patrem domini . . . . . .[3] dei gracia Wynton' episcopum collegam nostram et nos auctoritate apostolica deputato salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Quia intelleximus quod vos [*Folio 57v*] contra Nicholaum dictum Caperum de Huntingdon' executorem testamenti quondam domini Berengarii de Meynge militis pro quibusdam contingentibus subsidium predictum ex commisso vobis officio procedentes quamdam pecunie summam nomine dicti defuncti a prefato Nicholao executore nomine exigitis cum effectu , nos processum vestrum in hac parte ratione comperti ejusdem Nicholai et coexecutorum suorum super administratione sua in bonis prefati defuncti coram nobis auctoritate ordinarii jampridem incohati et adhuc pendentis finaliter indecisi plus debito prorogari , intricari seu inutiliter differi nolentes , ad procedendum in negotio comperti supradicti servato processu legitimo prius habito in eodem , et ad faciendum , statuendum et decernendum ulterius in ipso negotio quod justum fuerit vobis vices nostros committimus cum cohercionis canonice

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[3] Blank in MS.

potestate , mandantes quatinus de processu vestro occasione hujus commissionis nostre nos plenius certificetis tempore oportuno . Datum apud Lafford' VII kalendas Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo et pontificatus nostri XIII.

Pro testamento johannis theobald'. Mandate to the Dean and chapter of Lincoln to put forward all their claims to bequests under the will of the late John Theobald within a fortnight from Michaelmas, because Mariot the widow of the said John and her fellow-executors had claimed that the goods of deceased were not sufficient to cover the legacies, and more than two years had elapsed since his death. Sleaford, August 28, 1292.

Oliverus , etc. , decano et capitulo ecclesie nostre Lincoln' salutem etc . Dilectam in Christo filiam Mariotam relictam quondam Johannis Theobaldi ipsius testamenti executricem ad quorundam legatariorum dicti defuncti clamorem super eo quod legata in dicto testamento relicta non solverat ut debebat convenimus evicino , sed ecce eadem mulier hujusmodi exactiones elidere seu saltem differre conabatur ad tempus per hoc quod non modicam certe pecunie summam et etiam incertam ab ipsa et coexecutoribus suis ratione arreragiorum compoti dicti defuncti dudum clerici preposture vestre exigitis ad cujusmodi pecuniam et legata prestanda bona memorati defuncti sufficere non dicuntur . Nos vero inofficiosum esse attendentes executionem dicti testamenti occasione petitionis vestre tamdiu prorogari , cum a tempore mortis dicti testatoris plus quam biennium dicatur effluxum , vobis mandamus quatinus misericordiam non judicium exercentes , ea que ob executoribus prefati defuncti petere volueritis infra quindenam post festum sancti Michaelis exigere studeatis , alioquin extunc voluntatem dicti defuncti quatinus ipsius bona sufficiunt faciemus executioni debita prout justum fuerit demandari . Valete . Datum apud Lafford' V kalendas Septembris anno domini etc . nonagesimo secundo.

Hellowe. Mandate to the Dean of Calcewaith to allow William of Willoughby, who was farming the revenues of the church of Belleau, to keep the profits of the said church until further notice. Sleaford, August 29, 1292.

O. etc. , decano de Calcewath' . Quia Willelmus de Wylugby capellanus firmarius ecclesie de Hellow' cujus fructus et proventus certa de causa fecimus sequestrari prestitit ad sancta dei ewangelia juramentum quod dictos fructus et proventus tanquam minister sequestri nostri fideliter colliget et in fundo dicte ecclesie diligentius conservabit donec de eosdem aliter duxerimus ordinandum , vobis mandamus quatinus dictum W . collectorem proventuum et fructuum predictorum intendere permittatis in forma supradicta . Datum apud Lafford' IIII kalendas Septembris anno XIII.

Sentencia generalis. Note of a sentence of general excommunication to be published by the Deans of Grantham and Loveden against all those who had assaulted Hugh of Barkston (Barkeston') priest and Aimery of Syston (Suthestan') clerk. Sleaford, August 29, 1292.

Dispensatio. Dispensation for bastardy granted to Geoffrey of Beckering, canon of Kyme, on the strength of a letter from Pope Nicholas IV (quoted in full and dated at Reate, August 18, 1289). Sempringham, August 31, 1292.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto in Christo filio Galfridi de Bekering' canonico monasterii de Kyma ordinis sancti Augustini nostre diocesis salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Litteras bone memorie domini Nicholai pape quarti pro te nobis directas ipso papa superstite recepimus sub hac forma : — Nicholaus episcopus servus servorum dei venerabili fratri episcopo Lincoln' salutem et apostolicam benedictionem . Regularis ordinis professoribus religionis favore non indigne aliqua conceduntur qui solent interdicta aliis interdici . Cum igitur ex parte dilectorum filiorum prioris et conventus monasterii de Kyma per priorem soliti gubernari ordinis sancti Augustini tue diocesis nobis fuerit humiliter supplicatum ut cum Galfrido de Bekering' presbitero monacho ipsius monasterii super defectum natalium quem patetur de soluto genitus et soluta dispensare misericorditer curemus , nos attendentes quod ad religionem conversi , si fuerint in monasteriis suis laudabiliter conversati , non obstante illegitimitatis macula juris permissione licenter possunt ad ordines promoveri , fraternitati tue per apostolica scripta mandamus quatinus cum ipso monacho ejus ad hoc suffragantibus [*Folio 58*] meritis , super quibus tuam intendimus conscienciam onerare , quod hujusmodi non obstante defectu in susceptis ordinibus ministrare , et ad dicti ordinis administrationes dumtaxat assumi valeat , auctoritate nostra dispenses prout secundum deum anime sue saluti videris expedire . Datum Reate XV kalendas Septembris pontificatus nostri anno secundo . — Cum igitur super vita et moribus et conversatione laudabile de te accepimus testimonium ab illis inter quos hactenus es regulariter conversatus , ut non obstante defectu predicto in susceptis ordinibus ministrare et[1] ad regulares dicti[2] ordinis valeas administrationes dumtaxat assumi auctoritate nobis in hac parte commissa tecum misericorditer dispensamus . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus[3] appensum . Datum apud Sempingham' II kalendas Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri XIII.

Contra abbatem et conventum de thornton'. To the Abbot and convent of Thornton, ordering them to cease from taking certain

[1] The preceding five words are interlined. [2] Interlined. [3] 'Est' is omitted.

tithes, in the parishes of East Halton, Killingholme and Habrough, which were claimed by the Abbey of Newhouse. Spalding, September 2, 1292.

O. permissione divina etc. . . . . .[1] abbati et conventui monasterii de Thornton' salutem etc . Ex parte religiosorum virorum . . . . . .[1] abbatis et conventus de Newhus , de Halton' , de Kylvingham et de Haburg' ecclesias in usus proprios possidentium nobis nuper extitit intimatum quod vos a nobili viro Comite Lincoln' quasdam amplas possessiones quasi infra annum instantem et prius a nonnullis secularibus parochianis dictarum ecclesiarum varias terras a quarum dominis seu possessoribus decimas lane , agnorum et lactis iidem religiosi percipere consueuerunt adepti , et aliquas nomine custodie heredum laicarum personarum ibidem similiter tenentes ad tempus prefatis religiosis hujusmodi decima animalium vestrorum in dictis parochiis ratione terrarum hujuscemodo depascentium pro tempore vestro subtraxistis injuste , eosdem religiosos seu monasterium suum ratione ecclesiarum predictarum possessione juris vel quasi hujusmodi decimam percipiendi illicite spoliando et enormiter ledando ut dicunt . Quocirca vos monemus et hortamur in domino vobis efficaciter suadentes quatinus ad judicium consciencie recurrentes si suggesta nobis in hac parte veritate nitantur , eandem legem memoratis religiosis promptius facere studeatis quam ab illis vosipsi velletis exigere in hoc casu . Alioquin , si super hiis pro justicia exhibenda contigerit nos pulsari , ipsis conquerentibus in hiis que juris sunt deesse non poterimus nec debemus . Valete . Datum apud Spalding' IIII nonas Septembris pontificatus nostri anno XIII.

Commissio. Commission to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, and Master Thomas vicar of Moulton (Multon') to discharge the executors of the will of Sir Philip Marmyun, knight. Crowland, September 3, 1292.

Langetoft. Memorandum concerning the churchyard of Langtoft, which had been reported to be polluted by bloodshed. The Deans of Holland and Ness had been appointed by the bishop to inquire into the case and if necessary forbid burials, but according to William vicar of Langtoft they had been both irregular and dilatory in their proceedings, so that no burials could take place for over three years. The Dean of Lafford and John de Scalby were deputed to investigate the case, and as a result of their findings the bishop declared that the churchyard was not desecrated and that burials could proceed normally. Sleaford, August 30, 1292.

Memorandum quod cum nos[2] Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus audito quod cimiterium parochialis ecclesie de Langetoft

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per effusionem sanguinis in eo temere perpetratam fuerat maculatum . . . . . .[1] decanis Hoyland' et de Nesso nostris dedissemus litteris in mandatis quod de hujusmodi maculatione per viros fidedignos et juratos inquirarent diligenter , et si invenirent cimiterium hujusmodi taliter maculatum illud ne in eo defunctorum corpora humarentur supponerent interdicto . Cumque iidem decani mandatum predictum exequi volentes ad faciendam inquisitionem hujusmodi processissent , ut juxta inventa cimiterium interdixissent prout iidem . . . . . .[1] decani suis litteris certificatoriis nobis intimarunt , Willelmus vicarius ecclesie de Langetoft ad nos accedens asseruit prefatos . . . . . .[1] decanos in inquisitione prefata perperam processisse pro eo quod ipso vicario quem in suis litteris predictis dicunt sanguinem in prefato cimiterio per violenciam effudisse nullomodo vocato nec etiam premunito quasi clandestine processerunt , quodque solito ordine veritatem indagendi taliter pretermisso a pluribus in communi simul et semel inquisierunt de facto, eisdem singillatim prout moris est nequaquam examinantes , nec eorum dicta in scriptis redigentes , quodque per ipsius vicarii emulos modo inquisiere pretacto , ipso vicario postquam de ipsorum adventu sibi innotuerat coram eis comparente , et ne sic fieret reclamante , dictum cimiterium ne inibi defunctorum corpora humerentur occasione extractionis sanguinis tribus annis et amplius elapsis in eo ut dicebatur commisso non sine gravi scandalo ex hoc exorto interdicere presumentes , ex quibus et eorum quolibet idem vicarius [*Folio 58v.*] sentiens se gravatum nostram appellavit audienciam ut suggessit . Nos vero cuicumque justiciam facere cupientes dilectis in Christo filiis . . . . . .[1] decano de Lafford' et Johanni de Schalleby clerico familiari nostro dedimus in mandatis quod ad villam de Langetoft personaliter declinantes vocatis qui forent evocandi , cognitoque de dictorum . . . . . .[1] decanorum processu ac ipsius vicarii appellatione necnon et maculatione prefata diligentius inquisito , inventa per eos in hac parte nobis referre fideliter non tardarent . Quibus . . . . . .[1] decano et clerico nostro prout decuit obtemperantibus mandato et postmodum nobis referentibus factum suum quia juxta relationem et processum eorundem de suggestis per vicarium memoratum et ipsius appellationem nobis fuit sufficiens facta fides nec coram illis seu decanis predictis probatum invenimus legitime dictum cimiterium esse per effusionem sanguinis hujusmodi maculatum , lapsum temporis a die quo dicebatur dicta violencia perpetrata non modicum ponderantes , et ad alia plura considerationis oculum dirigentes , interdictum per dictos . . . . . .[1] decanos interpositum tanquam illegitime attemptatum exigente justicia duximus revocandum , prefato decano de Nesso nostras destinantes litteras sub hac forma : — O. etc . decano de Nesso, etc . Cum nos cognitis meritis appellationis per Willelmum vicarium ecclesie de Langetoft' a . . . . . .[1] decano Hoyland et vobis facte ab interdicto in cimiterio ecclesie de Langetoft occasione

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effusionis sanguinis in eo ut dicebatur temere perpetrate per eundem . . . . .[1] decanum et vos auctoritate nostra perperam ut suggerebatur nuper interposito , servatoque processu quem negotii qualitas requirebat , idem interdictum tanquam illegitime interpositum cum non fuerit probatum legitime coram vobis nec etiam coram illos quos illuc occasione predicta duximus destinandos dictum cimiterium esse per effusionem sanguinis hujusmodi maculatum , exigente justicia duxerimus revocandum , vobis mandamus quatinus illud habeatis et haberi faciatis totaliter revocatum quominus in eodem cimiterio humentur corpora nullatenus perturbantes . Datum apud Lafford' III kalendas Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Pro domino . . . . .[1] London' episcopi. Letter from John Pecham, Archbishop of Canterbury, enclosing a bull of Nicholas IV (given in full and dated at Orvieto, May 21, 1291) in favour of the Bishop of London, and ordering Bishop Sutton, in obedience to this bull, to withdraw all sentences of excommunication, suspension or interdict promulgated by himself or his subordinates against the said Bishop of London. Mortlake, August 16, 1292. Registered at Newstead-by-Stamford, September 5, 1292.

Venerunt apud Novum Locum extra Staunford' nonis Septembris anno XIII littere venerabilis patris domini J. dei gracia archiepiscopi Cantuar' totius Anglie primatis sub hac forma : — J. permissione divina Cantuar' ecclesie minister humilis totius Anglie primas venerabilibus fratribus Cantuar' ecclesie suffraganeis . . . . . .[1] abbatibus . . . . . .[1] prioribus . . . . . .[1] archidiaconis et ceteris universis ecclesiarum prelatis per nostras dioceses et provinciam constitutis , salutem et sinceram in domino caritatem . Subjectorum exposcit devotio ordinata ut que sancte Romane sedis voluntatem proximique status integritatem respiciunt , dum debite notificentur eisdem , obedienter exaudiat et admittat . Sane felicis recordationis domini Nicholai pape quarti litteras privilegiales non cancellatas , non abolitas nec in aliqua sui parte vitiatas cum filo de serico et vera bulla signatas inspeximus , tenorem qui sequitur continentes : — Nicholaus episcopus servus servorum dei venerabili fratri Ricardo episcopo London' salutem et apostolicam benedictionem . Tue pacis querentes commodum et quietis , libenter illa tibi concedimus per que materia submota gravaminis tui status tranquillitas procuretur . Hinc est quod nos tuis supplicationibus annuentes [*Folio 59*] tibi auctoritate presentium indulgemus ut nullus judex delegatus sedis apostolice vel subdelegatus ab eo , executor aut conservator deputatus ab ea auctoritate litterarum sedis ejusdem vel legatorum ejus possit in personam tuam excommunicationis suspensionis seu interdicti sentencias promulgare sine speciali mandato sedis ejusdem faciente plenam et expressam de indulto hujusmodi mentionem . Nos enim

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excommunicationis suspensionis et interdicti sentencias si quis in te contra indulti ejusdem tenorem promulgari contigerit irritas decernimus et inanes , presentibus post triennium minime valituris . Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre concessionis et constitutionis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire . Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit , indignationem beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum . Datum apud Urbem Veterem XII kalendas Junii pontificatus nostri anno quarto . — Quocirca dicti privilegii vim et effectum vobis omnibus et singulis notificantes et seriem caritatem vestram requirimus et monemus in domino exhortando quatinus quascumque majoris excommunicationis , suspensionis vel interdicti sentencias per judices quoscumque , delegatos , subdelegatos ab eis , executores aut etiam conservatores in personam pretactis fratris nostri domini Ricardi London' episcopi contra memoratum privilegium promulgatas , seu si quas quod absit immunitate durante hujusmodi proferri contigerit , quas quidem sentencias credimus non tenere , cum dicte sacre sedis auctoritate inanes sint et irrite , non verentes sepedicti privilegii effectum et statum persone privilegiate illesum pupplicetis ydonee , vestros in hac parte subditos quotiens super hoc congrue requisiti fueritis informando nisi super hujusmodi latis aut ferendis sentenciis sufficiens ostendatur auctoritas per quam forma auctoritatis hujusmodi et tenore ipsius ac data litterarum ipsarum inspectis prefato privilegio merito derogetur . Datum apud Mortelak' XVII kalendas Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Pro eodem. To the Dean and chapter of Lincoln and to all the archdeacons of the diocese, ordering them to obey a mandate of the Official of Canterbury (quoted in full and dated at Doddington, August 13, 1292) and refrain from interfering between Master John of Pilsdon and the Bishop of London and Dean and chapter of S. Paul's, since a suit between the said Master John and the said Bishop, Dean and chapter was pending in the papal curia. Liddington, September 11, 1292.

Item eisdem die et loco venerunt littere . . . . . .[1] officialis curie Cantuar' sub hac forma : — Venerabilibus in Christo dominis . . . . . .[1] dei gracia episcopis universis et singulis per provinciam Cantuar' constitutis . . . . . .[1] officialis curie Cantuar' salutem cum omni reverencia et honore . Sua nobis procurator venerabilis patris domini R. dei gracia London episcopi et discretorum vivorum dominorum . . . . .[1] decani et capituli ac canonicorum ecclesie sancti Pauli London' petitione monstravit quod licet in provisionis negotio de canonicatu et prebenda in dicta London' ecclesia Magistro Johanni de Pulisdon' ab apostolica sede ut dicebatur concesse tam contra ipsius provisionis quam etiam excommunicationis ejusdem que dictis dominis . . . . . .[1] episcopo . . . . . .[1] decano et capitulo dirigi dicebatur effectum per

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prefatum episcopum pro se et dictis . . . . . .[1] decano ac capitulo ac aliis sibi adherentibus objectis legitime contra personam ipsius Johannis et patenter expressis , suspensionis ab ingressu ecclesie et celebratione divinorum et excommunicationis sentenciis quibus idem Johannes per suos judices competentes tempore dicte provisionis si qua fuit et ante et post ligatus extiterat ac aliis criminibus et defectis dudum fuisset et sit ad sedem apostolicam et tuitionem sedie Cantuar' ob certa gravamina legitime appellatum ac etiam provocatum ne quid ea occasione in ipsorum dominum . . . . . .[1] episcopi et decani et capituli vel sibi aut eis adherentium seu cujuscumque eorum prejudicium statueretur aut fieret quoquomodo , dictusque magister Johannes appellationi dicti domini episcopi pro se et suo capitulo , ac ceteris sibi adherentibus ad sedem apostolicam ut premittitur interjecte detulisse expresse , ipsaque appellationis causa ad sedem apostolicam legitime devoluta in Romana curia diu penderet et adhuc pendeat indecisa , ...[1] archidiaconus tamen Westmonaster' premissis appellationibus , provocationibus et prosecutione , de quibus tam ipsi . . . . . .[1] archidiacono quam dicto magistro Johanne sufficienter innotuit , non obstantibus , ipsum magistrum Johannem hoc fieri procurantem in quemdam stallum dicte London' ecclesie tanquam ipsius canonicum executoribus pristinis provisionis predicte per hujusmodi appellationem et provocationem de jure suspensis tantummodo inherens de facto ac perperam intrusit . Idemque Johannes sic intrusus et excommunicatus fidelium communioni in ecclesia London' predicta irreverenter se ingerens divinum officium in eadem ecclesia diutius impedivit , et licet prefatus . . . . . .[1] archidiaconus per dictum procuratorem congruis loco et tempore fuisset cum instancia debita requisitus ut suam [*Folio 59v.*] auctoritatem super installatione seu verius intrusione premissis ostendere , ipsiusque auctoritatis copiam quam prius non habuit cum effectu faceret eidem , dictus . . . . . .[1] archidiaconus ipsa vel eorum aliquid facere seu[2] concedere contra justiciam denegavit seu fieri non fecit , unde idem procurator appellationibus seu provocationibus ac desensionibus[3] inherens et sentiens ipsas . . . . . .[1] episcopum . . . . . .[1] decanum et capitulum ac ejus canonicos et ecclesiam London' predictam tam per ipsum archidiaconum quam per prefatum [4]magistrum Johannem ex premissa intrusione ac ceteris gravaminibus per eosdem archidiaconum et Johannem ut supra illatis indebite pergravari sacrosanctam sedem apostolicam et pro tuitione[4] sedem Cantuar' iterato ut asserit legitime appellavit . Et licet dicto . . . . . .[1] archidiacono in forma super hoc consueta scripserimus , quia tamen ut dicitur verisimiliter conjectura timetur ne idem archidiaconus aut ceteri a nostra ordinaria jurisdictione exempti ac sedi apostolice prenotate subjecti sub hujusmodi exemptionis fiducia nostris in hac parte mandatis et precipue nostris

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[4-4] Interlined in the margin.

monitionibus non parentes suas executiones de provisione predicta contra inhibitionem hujusmodi demandabunt , volentes super hoc ut tenemur dictorum appellantium super hoc indempnitati prospicere et ipsos juxta naturam negotii et consuetudinem curie Cantuar' predicte tueri , vobis omnibus et singulis inhibemus et per vos vestris subditis inhiberi mandamus et ad id canonica cohercione compelli ne pendente ut premittitur tuitionis negotio memorato ad prefati archidiaconi vel alterius cujuscumque mandatum seu in modo alio exequamini seu aliqualiter attemptetis vel vestrum aut eorum aliquis exequatur aut quoquomodo attemptat quominus ipsis appellantibus libera pateat suas appellationes hujusmodi prosequendi facilitas et quibus vestrum presenti mandato recepto et viso ac ejus copia si voluerit et sibi viderit expedire retenta mandatum ipsum sine mora restituat portitori , de receptione mandati hujus aliquo sibi tradito intersigno . Datum apud Dodington' idibus Augusti anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo . — Et postmodum III idus Septembris anno predicto apud Lidington' scriptum fuit decano et capitulo ecclesie Lincoln' ac universis archidiaconis per Lincoln' diocesem constitutis vel eorum officialibus pro notificatione et executione hujusmodi mandatorum faciendis , et primo premissa salutatione et tenore mandati archiepiscopi sic dicebatur in fine : — Nos vero dicti domini . . . . . .[1] London' episcopi merito zelantes honorem vobis universis et singulis notificando premissa firmiter injungimus et mandamus quatinus memorati privilegii efficaciam et virtutem ac personam ejusdem domini . . . . . .[1] London' privilegio tali munitam, locis congruis et opportunis temporibus publicantes , mandato alicujus judicis , delegati sed subdelegati , executoris seu conservatoris sedie apostolice contra dicti privilegii tenorem seu domini London' personam vobis directo vel imposterum dirigendo nobis inconsultis parere nullatenus presumatis . Datum apud Lidington' III idus Septembris anno domino supradicto . — Item , premissa salutatione et tenore mandati officialis curie Cantuar' sic dicebatur in fine : — Quocirca vobis universis et singulis inhibemus et per vos decanis omnibus ac ceteris vobis subjectis inhiberi volumus ne pendente in curia Cantuar' negotio tuitionis predicte ad mandatum dicti archidiaconi vel alterius cujuscumque quicquam exequi attemptetis , cetera in predicto mandato contenta pleniter observantes . Valete . Datum apud Lidington' III idus Septembris anno domini supradicto.

Dispensatio. Dispensation for bastardy granted to Robert of Liddington (Lidington') clerk. Liddington, September 12, 1292.

Relaxatio suspensionis. Relaxation of the sentence of suspension from the exercise of priestly functions imposed upon Henry of Peterborough because of his perjury and unchastity, so that he

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might minister as a priest, without cure of souls, in the diocese until he could show proof of improvement in learning and morals. Liddington, September 13, 1292.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto in Christo filio Henrico de Burgo sancti Petri nostre diocesis presbitero salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Cum propter tua demerita ab officio sacerdotali per tempus non modicum te duxerimus suspendendum , ac post tempus ordinationis tue in sacerdotem in litteratura non profeceris prout status tuus exegerit et requirit , ut hujusmodi officium sine cura parochiale quacumque in nostra diocese valeas exercere donec tuus in litteratura profectus una cum conversatione bona graciam exegerit ampliorem benignius sustinemus suspensione predicta penitus relaxata . Datum apud Lidington' idibus Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo . Et est sciendum quod suspensus fuit pro perjuria et incontinencia.

[*Folio 60*]

Bacun. Mandate to the Dean of Holland, on behalf of Richard Bacun chief executor of the will of Master Clement of Leake, that because the said Richard was ill the said dean, in company with Masters John rector of the mediety of the church of Leverton, Thomas vicar of Moulton and John of Hungate, and other suitable men, should sequestrate the goods of the said Master Clement, and that before Holy Cross Day (September 14) the said dean and the Prior of Frieston should render an account to the bishop. Crowland, September 4, 1292.

O. etc. , decano Hoyland' etc . Quia Ricardus Bacun testamenti quondam magistri Clementis de Lek' executor principalis tanta adversa valitudine ut accepimus detentus quod executioni dicti testamenti nequid intendere ut deberet , ne bona prefati defuncti que penes eum pro majori parte residere dicuntur hujusmodi infirmitate durante dissipentur a quoquam seu si humaniter de eo contigerit alienentur prout verisimiliter dubitatur , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus assumptis vobiscum magistris Johanne rectoris medietatis ecclesie de Leverton' et Thoma vicario ecclesie de Multon' ac Johanne de Hundegate et etiam vocatis aliis fidedignis quos eligere volueritis , ad domum dicti Ricardi personaliter accedentes , et que bona dicti defuncti sive in pecunia numerata sive in aliis penes eum alicubi resideant sicut decet perscutantes , ea artius sequestretis et sub tali faciatis custodiri sequestro quod non possit ab aliquo leviter violari , et quid super hiis duxeritis faciendum nos litteris vestris patentibus harum seriem ac bonorum repertorum et sequestratorum quantitatem plenius continentibus certificetis citra instans festum exaltationis sancte crucis , et citra idem festum de mandato nostro . . . . . .[1] priori de Freston' et vobis pro

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inquisitione facienda super bonis prefati defuncti prius directo per eundem . . . . . .[1] priorem et vos certificari volumus et mandamus . Datum apud Croyland' II nonas Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

BINGHAM. Request to the Archdeacon of Nottingham to coerce, by excommunication and other suitable means, Eustace of Bingham, who had repeatedly been excommunicated by the said archdeacon and his predecessor for failing to account for thirty-six shillings belonging to the late William of Bassingham. A report was to be made to the bishop. Newstead-by-Stamford, September 5, 1292.

Venerande discretionis viro domino . . . . . .[1] archidiacono Notingham' , Oliverus permissione divina etc. , salutem in omnium salvatorem . Eustachius de Byngham nuper in nostra diocese moram trahens in triginta sex solidis quos de bonis testamenti quondam Willelmi de Basingham defuncti detinuerat minus juste executoribus testamenti predicti domini est auctoritate nostra in forma juris legitime condempnatus pro eo quod rei judicate non permit[2] majoris excommunicationis sentencia canonice extitit innodatus et sic excommunicatus per . . . . . .[1] predecessorem vestrum in ecclesia de Byngham ad cujus parochiam postmodum se transtulit cohercionem nostram vitens effugere ut videtur et aliis vicinis ad rogatum nostrum solempniter et pupplice nunciatus , qui postmodum ad nos specialiter accedens et allegans se tunc ad solutionem hujus pecunie impotentem , graciose tunc fuit a prefata excommunicationis sentencia absolutus , prefixo sibi alio die certo de consensu suo expresso ad satisfaciendum predictis executoribus de dicta pecunie summa sub pena excommunicationis a nobis in ipsum presentem de voluntate ipsius legitime extunc late si non satisfaceret ipso die , juramento pro satisfactione hujusmodi ab ipso Eustachio , assignato sibi die predicto ad satisfaciendum seu per biennium subsequens de prefata pecunie summa satisfacere non curavit , reatum perjurii et dictam excommunicationis sentenciam dampnabiliter incurrendo , sic excommunicatus per vos ad rogationem nostram in locis prioribus solempniter et pupplice fuit iterum nunciatus . Postmodum autem prefatus Eustachius ad nos personaliter accedens absolutionem a prefata sentencia graciose obtinuit iterato , statutis sibi certis terminis de consensu suo et executorum predictorum voluntate ad satisfaciendum eisdem apud Basingham de prefata pecunie summa sub pena excommunicationis a nobis in ipsum presentem et acceptantem legitime iterum et tertio extunc late si terminis non satisfaceret constitutis , injuncta sibi pro eo quod sentenciam excommunicationis pretactam tamdiu sustinuit in anime sue periculum non sine contemptu clavium ecclesie penitencia salutari . Cum igitur terminis prescriptis seu adhuc licet ab eorum ultimo

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triennium sit elapsum , idem Eustachius de sepedicta pecunia satisfacere non curavit , dictam excommunicationis sentenciam dampnabiliter incurrendo , discretionem vestram sub optentu vicissitudinis mutue in casu consimili rependende rogamus quatinus contra prefatum Eustachium sic a nobis excommunicatum et nimis pertinaciter obstinatum per pupplicationem sentencie excommunicationis predicte et aliis modis quibus expedire poteritis ad reprimendum ipsius Eustachii maliciam velitis procedere , et nos de facto certiores reddere per litteras vestras patentes harum serium continentes . Valete . Datum apud Novum Locum extra Staunford' nonis Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Commissio. Commission to Lady Amis of Darley (Derele), lady of Eastwell, and to Thomas of Sewstern (Seustern'), executors of the will of Sir Walter of Meriden and of the same Thomas of Meriden.[1] Newstead-by-Stamford, September 6, 1292.

[*Folio 60*v.]

Sancti leonardi staunford'. Note that the bishop, being in the parlour of the Franciscan house at Stamford, warned the Prior of S. Leonard's (Ingram of Chatton) that he proposed to conduct a visitation of the house, and told him to put forward any objections which might arise because the priory was subject to a mother-house situated in the Bishopric of Durham and the Province of York. The prior asked for a respite, and it was agreed that he must bring forward any objections before the ensuing Christmas. Stamford, September 7, 1292. Witnessed by Masters John Le Fleming, Walter of Wootton and Jocelyn of Kirmington.

VII idus Septembris anno XIII apud fratres minores Staunford' episcopus post sermonem suum ibidem factum populo , presentibus Magistris Johanne Le Flemeng' et W. de Wutton' canonicis Lincoln' et G. archidiacono Stowe clericis episcopi , fratrem Ingeramum de Chaton' priorem sancti Leonardi extra Staunford' et duos commonachos suos in parlitorio allocutus est dicens ' Nos deberemus visitare vos et domum vestram sicut vobis et aliis de domo vestra pluries fecimus mentionem , et hujusmodi visitationem facere de temporibus in tempora distulimus usque modo . Icirco requirimus a vobis quod si quid rationabile habeatis quare hoc facere minime debeamus , quod vos habere non credimus , eo quod principalis domus vestra subest diocesano suo et metropolitano in visitatione , illud nobis exhibeatis' . Ad que dictus prior et commonachi dicebant ' Domine , adhuc petimus dilationem quousque prior noster Dunelm' colloquium habuerit vobiscum' , fatentes domum suam subesse diocesano in visitatione et etiam metropolitano sede sua diocesana

[1] *Sic.* There is clearly an omission in the entry, which probably means that Sutton empowered two of the executors of Sir Walter's will to act also on behalf of a third executor, Thomas of Meriden, who had himself died.

vacante . Cumque episcopus petitioni dicti prioris et commonachorum suorum non adquiesceret tempus indeterminatum prout petitum fuerit concedendo , demum eisdem priori et monachis approbantibus et consentientibus terminum citra natale domini proxime futurum ad exhibendum quicquid pro se haberent in hac parte , alioquin ex tunc faceret quod expedire videret.

Commissio. Commission to the Dean of Stamford and to Robert rector of the church of St. John at Stamford to discharge James called Arkett (Arkett') and his fellow-executors of the will of Master John Arkett. Newstead-by-Stamford, September 6, 1292.

Sentencia generalis. Note of a sentence of general excommunication to be published by the Dean of Yarborough on all those who had assaulted Master John rector of Bigby (Bekeby). Liddington, September 8, 1292.

Sentencia generalis. Mandate to the Dean of Peterborough to excommunicate, in the church of Ecton and throughout the deanery, all those who had assaulted William the chaplain of Ecton while he was pronouncing a sentence of general excommunication according to the decrees of the Council of Oxford, by snatching a list from his hand and candles from those of his assistant clerks. All those malefactors whose names could be ascertained were to be cited to appear before the bishop's official on the Thursday after Michaelmas (October 2), and a report was to be made to the official. Newstead-by-Stamford, 1292 (exact date not given).

O. etc. . . . . .[1] decano de Burgo etc . Nuper ad aures nostras clamosa insinuatione pervenit quod licet omnes jacentes temere manus violentas in clericos sint majoris excommunicationis sentencia auctoritate canonis innodati , quidam tamen presumptuosi sue salutis immemores clerum et cohercionem ecclesie temere contempnentes in Willelmum capellanum parochialis ecclesie de Ecton' vestibus sacerdotalibus prout moris est in celebratione divinorum indutum , et quamdam sentenciam generalem in certis casibus juxta formam concilii Oxon' latam et in qualibet sinodo generali quater per annum solempniter per preceptum prelatorum secundum consuetudinem ecclesie Anglicane promulgandam pro libertatibus ecclesie publicare volentem infra dictam ecclesiam , ausu nephario dei timore postposito irruentes articulos super quibus erat predicta sentencia pupplicanda in quadam cedula conscriptos et candelas quas clerici hujusmodi solempnitate assistentes tenebant ab eorum manibus per violenciam eripiebant , alia enormia in eadem ecclesia perperam inferentes eisdem , in animarum suarum grande periculum , ordinis clericalis et concilii generalis contemptum , diei festive et solempnis necnon sacri loci irreverenciam , ac scandalum plurimorum.

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Nos vero tante temeritatis excessum conniventibus oculis inultum pertransire nolentes vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus assumptis vobiscum quatuor seu quinque capellanis parochialibus de vicinis , albis et stolis indutis , ad ecclesiam de Ecton' predictam hac instanti die festivo post presentium receptionem proximo personaliter accedentes , omnes presumptores predictos cum suis auctoribus , fautoribus et consiliariis universis in dictam excommunicationis sentenciam incidisse et excommunicatos esse , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , solempniter et pupplice intra missarum solempnia in genere nuncietis , eandem sentenciam in singulis ecclesiis decanatus vestri tribus diebus dominicis subsequentibus sub forma et solempnitate predictis faciendo per locorum presbiteros pupplicari . De nominibus vero delinquentis vel delinquentium in premissis sollicitius inquirentes quos vel quem delinquentes seu delinquentem inveneritis peremptorie citetis quod compareant seu compareat coram . . . . . .[1] officiale nostro die Jovis proximo post festum sancti Michaelis in ecclesia omnium sanctorum Norhamt' prefatis capellano et clerico[2] super hiis que contra eos occasione premissa duxerint proponenda de justicia responsuri , facturi et recepturi quod canonicum fuerit et consonum equitati . Qualiter autem presens mandatum nostrum fueritis executi dictum . . . . . .[1] officialem nostrum vel ejus commissarium seu commissarios certiores vel certiorem redditis per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem continentes . Datum apud Novum Locum extra Staunford' anno supradicto.

[*Folio 61.*]

Sentencia generalis. Note of a sentence of general excommunication, to be published in the church of Whitwell (Whitewell') by the Dean of Rutland on all those taking away, or interfering with, the goods of the late Richard Rey of Whitwell. Liddington, September 10, 1292.

Juramentum obediencie. Note of an oath of canonical obedience sworn by Sir William de Estiniaco, Archdeacon of Lincoln, in the presence of Jocelyn of Kirmington, Archdeacon of Stow, Master Benedict of Hale (Hilum) and others. Liddington, September 11, 1292.

Indulgencia. Grant of twenty days' indulgence to all who should contribute to the restoration of the ruinous fabric of the nunnery of Wothorpe (Wyrthorp'). Liddington, September 17, 1292.

Reconciliatio. Commission to the Abbot of Owston (Osolveston') to reconcile the churchyard of Oakham which had been polluted by bloodshed. Northampton, September 22, 1292.

[1] Blank in MS. [2] *Sic*, in spite of a previous reference to ' clerks ' in the plural.

Reconciliatio. Commission to the Abbot of Pipewell (Pippewelle) and the Archdeacon of Bedford to reconcile the churchyard of Isham which had been polluted by bloodshed. Northampton, September 22, 1292.

Dispensatio. Dispensation granted to Henry of Chipping Norton (Cheping Norton'), priest, for having been ordained, without letters dimissory, by the Bishop of Worcester. Northampton, September 22, 1292.

Sentencia generalis. Note of a sentence of general excommunication, to be published by the official of the Archdeacon of Leicester, on all those who were unjustly occupying the church of Arnesby (Ernesby). The sentence was to be in the same form as that in the penultimate folio of the fifth quire, relating to the church of Great Hale (Hale).[1] Northampton, September 23.

Cantaria. Licence to Isolde, widow of William of Maidwell (Maydewell') to have a private chapel in her manor of Claxthorpe (Claxthorp'), one mile from the parish church of Floore (Flore), because of the distance and difficulty of the way. Northampton, September 24, 1292.

Contra occupantes prebendam de thame. Mandate to the Dean of Thame, telling him to warn the clergy and people of Thame not to receive as prebendary Peter of Savoy or his proctor, since the said Peter was trying to obtain the prebend on false pretences. The dean was also to warn Peter and his supporters that if they continued to occupy the church unlawfully the bishop would deal with them according to canon law. A report was to be made to the bishop. Northampton, September 23, 1292.

O. etc. , decano de Thame salutem etc . Cum dominus Petrus de Sabaudia nuper ex collatione nostra canonicatum et prebendam in nostra Lincoln' ecclesia assecutus aliquamdiu in possessione vel quasi canonicatus et prebende hujusmodi extitisset , idem dominus Petrus de eisdem canonicatu et prebenda tacitus fraudulenter super provisione sibi facienda de canonicatu et prebenda ac dignitate si qui in nostra Lincoln' ecclesia tunc vacebant , alioquin de proximis vacaturis in eadem ecclesia de facto litteras apostolicas impetravit , premissorum veritate suppressa , que si fuissent expressa nullas omnino litteras provisorias de prebenda Lincoln' reportasset . Et licet post impetrationem dictarum litterarum virtute quarum sibi de prebenda nostre ecclesie de jure non poterat provideri , due prebende integre non sacerdotales nulli alii debite in nostra ecclesia memorata vacassent , cum postmodum in eadem ecclesia per mortem

[1] See L.R.S. 48, pp. 174-5.

quondam Willelmi Ferre vacante prebenda de Thame , prefatus dominus Petrus fortassis ductus quorundam malignorum consilio in ipsam prebendam per nos prius alii rite collatam , que dicte provisionis optentu sibi minime debebatur , absque auctoritate legitima se intrusit et eam ausu nephario per suos taliter detinet occupatam , in anime sue periculum , cleri scandalum ac nostre dignitatis episcopalis grande prejudicium et contemptum . Nolentes igitur tante temeritatis excessum deserere impunitum , set[1] potius hujusmodi sceleris presumptionem ex officii debito prosequi intendentes , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus vicario dicte prebende de Thame ac omnibus et singulis capellanis et clericis in ecclesia de Thame et capellis ejusdem ministrantibus , necnon parochianis ecclesie et capellarum ipsarum vice nostra sub pena districtionis canonice inhibere curetis ne predictum dominum Petrum tanquam prebendario de Thame in aliquo recognoscant , nec eidem tanquam prebendario loci ejusdem seu aliquibus suo nomine obediant quovismodo nec in presencia alicujus qui in memoratam prebendam nomine dicti domini Petri se intrudere seu eam temere detinere presumpserunt taliter occupatam , in dicta ecclesia de Thame seu capellis ejus divina celebrari permittant seu divinorum celebrationi intersint , monentes dictum dominum Petrum ac omnes et singulos prebendam de Thame ejus nomine detinentes seu detentioni ipsius aliqualiter incumbentes [*Folio 61v*] ut eandem prebendam quamcitius omnino dimittant , et ne de ipsius proventibus seu obventionibus quicquam illo colore percipiant nec molestiam seu inquietationem inferre presumant quominus nostra ipsius prebende collatio debitum sortiatur effectum , ac de intrusione pretacta deo et ecclesie absque mora debitam satisfactionem impendant . Denuncietis nichilominus etiam eisdem quod si hujusmodi vestris monitionibus immo nostris potius contempserint obedire , nequaquam dissimulare poterimus quin rebellionem ipsorum juxta sacrorum canonum instituta animadversione debita feriamus . Quid autem inde feceritis nos per litteras vestras harum seriem et nomina incumbentium dicte prebende nomine domini Petri predicti apertius continentes absque more dispendio distincte certificare curetis . Datum apud Norhamt' IX kalendas Octobris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri XIII.

Concessio cantarie. Licence to William of Stockwith to have a private chapel in his house, because of the length (three miles) and difficulty of his journey to the parish church of Gainsborough. William received letters patent. Kilsby, September 26, 1292.

Sexto kalendas Octobris anno XIII apud Kyldesby licenciavit episcopus Willelmum de Stokketh' quod possit facere celebrari divina sibi et cohabitatoribus suis de Stockich'[2] in quodam oratorio

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Sic.* The words ' de Stockich' ' are interlined.

infra mansum suum constructo propter distanciam mansi predicti a matrice ecclesia de Geynesburg' parochiale , inter que tria esse miliaria affirmantur et difficultatem itineris intermedii , dum tamen hujusmodi oratorium decens sit et honestum et eorum quorum interest concurrat consensus , et hoc tamen usque ad ipsius episcopi beneplacitum voluntatis , super que habet dictus Willelmus litteram patentem in forma consueta.

Commissio. Commission to the official of the Archdeacon of Leicester to discharge the executors of the will of William le Blund of Leicester. Eaton, September 28, 1292.

Dispensatio. Dispensation to Robert of Wardingham (Wardingham') for being ordained subdeacon and deacon by the Archbishop of Dublin and priest by the Bishop of Kildare, without letters dimissory, and for ministering in the said orders without a dispensation. Robert was not to hold a cure of souls for a year, during which time he was to study grammar and other suitable subjects. Banbury, October 2, 1292.

Relaxatio sequestri. Relaxation of the sequestration of the fruits and offerings of the church of Edworth (Eddewrth') on the grounds that the rector, Hugh des Vaux (Vallibus), had been instituted to the vicarage of Ogbourne (Okeburn') in the diocese of Salisbury. Hugh took an oath that he held no other benefice. Banbury, October 3, 1292.

Sequestratio ecclesie de parva merlawe. Mandate to the Archdeacon of Buckingham or his official, ordering him to sequestrate the revenues of the church of Marlow because Walter of Greendale (Grendale), to whom the church had been committed when he was a minor, had reached the canonical age for taking subdeacon's orders and would not do so. Banbury, October 4, 1292.

Note that the bishop subsequently wrote a letter ordering the sequestration to be relaxed. Spaldwick, November 8, 1292

Contra conservatores privilegiorum. Mandate to the Dean of Stamford ordering him (in virtue of a mandate from the Archbishop of Canterbury) not to execute any citation of conservators of privileges without special instructions from the bishop. Banbury, October 6, 1292.

O. etc. , decano Staunford' etc . Cum privilegiorum conservatores a manifestiis violenciis et injuriis solum tueri valeant quos eis committit sedes apostolica defendendos , nec ad alia que judicialem indaginem exigunt suam valeant extendere potestatem , ac ad presumptionem conservatorum quorundam non contentorum suis finibus reprimendam , a venerabili patre domino J. dei gracia

Cantuar' archiepiscopo totius Anglie primate suisque suffraganeis jampridem statutum fuerit condictum seu concorditer ordinatum quod in provincia Cant' nulli alii quam episcopi vel officiales eorundem citationes conservatorum hujusmodi exequantur , vobis sub pena excommunicationis firmiter inhibemus ne mandata conservatorum talium exequamini donec illa nobis ostenderitis et aliud a nobis receperitis in mandatis . Nos vero executiones hujusmodi mandatorum si legitima fuerint et eis sit parendum de jure non intendimus aliqualiter impedire . Datum apud Bannebir' II nonas Octobris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Captio. Request to the King for the arrest of Thomas of Faxfleet (Faxflet'), living in Langton (Langeton'), who had remained obdurate for more than forty days after a sentence of excommunication. Banbury, October 9, 1292.

[*Folio 62.*]

Captio. Similar request for the arrest of Matilda called Super La Grene of Shepshed (Schepeheved'). Banbury, October 9, 1292.

Absolutio. Absolution of John Garland of Dunstable, clerk, from a sentence of excommunication incurred on account of fornication with Cecily of Drayton, a nun of Markyate, on condition that the said John visited Rome on the Feast of the Circumcision (January 1) next ensuing. Spaldwick, October 14, 1292.

Universis etc . Oliverus etc . Noverit universitas vestra quod Johannes dictus Gerlond' de Dunstapl' clericus se Ceciliam de Drayton' monialem de Markyate nostre diocesis incestuosis amplexibus carnaliter cognovisse confessus , injuncta sibi penitencia salutari et inter cetera quod beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum limina visitet , utque ad curiam Romanam ad festum circumcisionis domini proxime futurum arripiat indilate , a nexu criminis hujusmodi et sentencia excommunicationis in monialium corruptores in provinciali concilio promulgata , auctoritate nostra absolutus existit . In cujus rei testimonium , etc . Datum apud Spaldewyk' , II idus Octobris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Contra nicholaum caperum[1] de huntingdon'. Mandate to the Dean of Huntingdon to excommunicate Nicholas Caperoun[1] of Huntingdon, one of the executors of the will of Sir Berengar Le Moyngne, knight, for failing to pay twenty-nine pounds, eleven shillings and sixpence halfpenny which he owed, although he had already been excommunicated and cited before the bishop on this account. Nicholas was to be warned that, if he still refused to pay, the secular arm would be invoked against him. A report was to be made to the bishop. Spaldwick, October 14, 1292.

[1] *Sic.*

O. etc. , decano de Huntingdon' etc . Nos dudum audito finali compoto domini Simonis de Elleswrth' magistri domus de Arneston' et Nicholai Caperoun de Huntingdon' executores testamenti quondam domini Berengarii Le Moyngne militis jam defuncti , demum dictum Nicholaum in XXIX libris XI solidis VI denariis et obolo ad completionem testamenti predicti per triennium per certos terminos exsolvendum per precepti sentenciam suadente justicia duximus condempnandum , injungentes eidem quod finem pareret hujusmodi sub pena excommunicationis majoris quam si secus faceret tulimus in eundem . Sane dictus Nicholaus ut a coexecutoribus suis accepimus pro dicti defuncti voluntate ultima adimplenda prefate pecuniam summam non exsolvit , licet dictum triennium ex diu fuisset elapsum, et sic dictam sentenciam excommunicationis incurrens eam sustinuit animo indurato , cumque per nos peremptorie citatus esset quod certis die et loco coram nobis comparere curavit propositurus et ostensurus quare excommunicatus non deberet pupplice nunciari , et contra eum seculare brachium juxta regni consuetudinem invocari , ex parte ejusdem Nicholai ipsis die et loco nullum proponebatur canonicum quare ad denunciacionem et invocationem secularis brachii memoratas procedere minime deberemus . Quocirca vobis mandamus firmiter injungendo quatinus dictum Nicholaum excommunicatum , pulsatis campanis accensisque candelis , cunctis diebus dominicis seu festivis intra missarum solempnia statim post lectum ewangelium in singulis vestri decanatus ecclesiis denunciari solempniter faciatis et a cunctis artius evitari , donec aliud a nobis super hoc habueritis in mandatis , eidem nichilominus nunciantes quod nisi citius super dictam pecuniam satisfacto ad gremium ecclesie duxerit redeundum contra ipsum brachii secularis auxilium non tardabimus invocare . Quid autem inde feceritis , cum per dictos coexecutores Nicholai vel eorum aliquem fueritis congrue requisiti , nos per litteras vestras harum seriem continentes certiores reddere non tardetis . Datum apud Spaldewyk' II idus Octobris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri XIII.

Littere cautionales. Note of the receipt of nine letters from the papal curia, two each concerning Gregory of Staines (Stanes), rector of Letchworth (Lechewurth') and Walter Curzun, rector of Great Casterton (Casterton' Magna), and one each concerning Richard of Barford (Bereford'), Henry rector of Furtho (Forro), the Abbot and convent of Warden, Master John of Maldon and . . . . . .[1] rector of Thimbleby (Thimelby). Spaldwick, October 15, 1292.

Commissio magisterii de harewold'. Appointment of Master Robert of Wootton (Wutton') as master of Harrold Priory, at the request of the prioress and convent. Spaldwick, October 23, 1292.

[1] Blank in MS.

Captio. Request to the King for the arrest of Walter Fykeys, Hugh Dive, William Fykeys and John of London, who had remained obdurate for more than forty days after a sentence of excommunication. Spaldwick, October 23, 1292.

[*Folio 62v.*]

Pro sequestro ecclesie de isham. Mandate to the Dean of Rothwell to sequestrate the goods of the late Master Michael, rector of the mediety of Isham, until his executors had made good notable defects which he had left in the church and manse of Isham. Spaldwick, October 24, 1292.

O. etc. , decano de Rowell' salutem etc . Ex relatu accepimus evicino quod magister Michael rector medietatis ecclesie de Isham jam defunctus plures defectus notabiles tam in ecclesia eadem et ipsius ornamentis , quatinus ad ipsum eorum correctio pertinebat , quam in edificiis mansi ad suam portionem spectantis incorrectos dimisit . Nos vero indempnitati dicte ecclesie in hiis prospicere cupientes vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes quatinus si est ita bona ad dictum defunctum spectantia saltem usque ad estimationem defectuum predictorum artius sequestretis donec iidem defectus in forma debita corrigantur vel de eisdem emendendis per executores prefati defuncti cautum fuerit competenter . Datum apud Spaldewyk' IX kalendas Novembris anno etc . nonagesimo secundo.

Pro rectore ecclesie de bletchesdon'. Mandate to William rector of Heyford Bridge, who had been appointed guardian of Thomas Chapel rector of Bletchingdon (who was out of his mind), to make diligent search for the said Thomas, who was wandering at large, and to take proper care of him when he was found. Spaldwick, October 29, 1292.

O. etc. , Willelmo rectori ecclesie de Heyford' ad Pontem salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Quia Thomas de Capella rector ecclesie de Bletcesdon' cujus tanquam illius qui non est sui compos et ecclesie sue predicte cura vobis auctoritate nostra est commissa custodiam illorum qui pro custoditione[1] sua sibi fuerint deputati evasisse dicitur , quo nescitur non sine sui periculo evagando , vobis mandamus quatinus eundem per providos et circumspectos diligentius requiri , honeste reduci et salvo custodiri faciatis , quelibet[2] negligencia et indebita tarditate semotis . Datum apud Spaldwyk' IIII kalendas Novembris anno etc.

Pro rectore ecclesie de pilketon'. Appointment of Master Stephen of Hepworth, D.C.L., as coadjutor to David de Camays rector of Pilton, with the consent of both parties. Spaldwick, October 29, 1292.

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Sic, recte* ' quibuslibet '.

O. etc. , magistro Stephano de Heppeworht' juris canonici professori salutem etc . Cum David de Camays rector ecclesie de Pilketon' in administratione temporalium et spiritualium ecclesie sue predicte incircumspectus et improvidus inveniatur sicut idem in nostra presencia constitutus expressius recognovit , nos de fidelitate , industria vestra ac affectione quam gerere dicimini ad eundem plenius confidentes , ut dictus rector secundum facultates ecclesie sue per vos exhibendus pro exoneratione debitorum in quibus tenetur vobiscum morari possit et vos fructus et proventus dicte ecclesie percipere et de eisdem libere disponere valeatis , precipue cum hoc de utriusque vestrum expressa processerit voluntate , gratum prebemus assensum donec utilitati dicti rectoris et ecclesie sue per vos prospici viderimus in hac parte , vobis specialiter ac firmiter injungentes quatinus curam dicte ecclesie et ipsius parochie agi prout decet diligentius procuretis . Datum apud Spaldwyk' IIII kalendas Novembris pontificatus nostri anno XIII.

Reconciliatio. Commission to the Priors of Daventry and Canons Ashby (Esseby) to reconcile the churchyard of Evedon (Evedon') which had been polluted by bloodshed. Spaldwick, October 30, 1292.

Pro petronilla conversa lincoln' et filio suo. Letters patent testifying to the fact that a certain Petronilla, whom Sutton had baptized, together with her son, while he was Dean of Lincoln, had been a Jewess during her earlier life. Petronilla was specially commended to the custodian of the converts in London. Spaldwick, October 30, 1292.

Per presens scriptum pateat universis quod nos Oliverus nunc permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus tempore quo fuimus ejusdem ecclesie decanus baptizavimus . Petronillam prius Judeam cum quodam filio suo in vigilia quadam pasche . Ipsa quidem Judea fuerat ante toto tempore vite sue prout apud Lincoln' firmiter ac pupplice creditur et tenetur nec unquam usque modo de ea aliud[1] dici audivimus in hac parte , unde si qui aliud sibi presumant imponere ipsos graviter reputamus peccare nec credimus a peccato immunes qui sibi aliud imponentibus fidem curant leviter adhibere . In testimonium vero premissorum litteram hanc patentem fieri fecimus Petronille predicte , ipsa custodi conversorum apud London' notificantes specialiter per eandem . Datum apud Spaldwyk' II kalendas Novembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Reconciliatio. Commission to the Prior of Spalding to reconcile the churchyard of Moulton (Multon') which had been polluted by bloodshed. Spaldwick, November 3, 1292.

[1] Interlined.

Pro magistro waltero de foderingeye. Mandate to the subdean and Chapter of Lincoln to observe the ruling made by the bishop concerning their relations with Master Walter of Fotheringhay, keeper of St. Peter's altar in the cathedral. Spaldwick, November 9, 1292.

O. etc. , subdecano et capitulo ecclesie nostre Lincoln' salutem etc . Intelleximus evicino quod orta inter vos et magistrum Walterum de Foderingeye custodem altaris beati Petri in ecclesia predicta super contingentibus statum suum et altare predictum et precipue super faciendis ab eo ratione ejusdem altaris et super hiis que percipere debet presens et absens altercatione aliquali , demum pro cujuslibet dissensionis materia amputanda decetero in hac parte in hoc dicimini una cum decano[1] concorditer consensisse quod statum dicti custodis nunc inter consuetudinem pro una parte allegatam nunc inter graciam voluntariam ex adverso objectam hactenus fluctuantem firmitate ordinationis super premissis faciende equitate pensata ad debitam certitudinem reducamus . Nos vero hujusmodi consensum vestrum plurimum approbantes , vobis de honestate ratione ut videtur munita [*Folio 63*] sano consilio duximus suadendum quatinus dicto magistro Waltero cum debita modestia suaviter conquerenti quod ea que predecessores sui sine contradictione qualibet in absencia libere percipere consueverunt sibi ex probabili causa absenti ad modicum tempus ut vobis et ecclesie vestre majorem locum teneat in futurum ut pretendit sibi pro suo tempore subtraxistis sicut prioribus custodibus fieri consuevit , quousque pretactis dubietatis varietas per ordinationem inde faciendam ad certitudinem reducatur sine difficultate reddi liberaliter faciatis . Valete . Datum apud Spaldwyk' V idus Novembris pontificatus nostri anno XIII.

Licencia celebrandi sine cura. Dispensation, with licence to minister without cure of souls, to John of Wymeswold (Wymundwold'), priest, who had been ordained in Italy without letters dimissory. He was to qualify for a benefice at the end of a year if his progress in study warranted it. Spaldwick, November 11, 1292.

Commissio magisterii de stodele.[2] Appointment of Warner vicar of Hanslope as master of Studley Priory at the request of the prioress. Spaldwick, November 11, 1292.

Oliverus etc. , Warnerio vicario ecclesie de Hamslap' salutem etc . De tua fidelitate pariter et industria confidentes , curam et administrationem domus monialium de Stodele et pertinenciarum ejusdem

[1] The words ' una cum decano ' are interlined.

[2] Note in the margin : ' Postmodum mutata fuit forma istius littere prout in sequenti quaterno continetur videlicet proximo folio.' See p. 54.

tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus quatinus ad officium magistri pertinet , ad instanciam . . . . . .[1] priorisse dicte domus usque ad nostre voluntatis beneplacitum tibi ut hujusmodi cure et officio quatinus onus residencie tue permittit , per vices diligenter intendas committimus per presentes , predicte priorisse et conventui ac ipsius domus ministerialibus quod tibi tanquam magistro decetero plenius obediant injungentes . Datum apud Spaldwyk' III idus Novembris anno etc . nonagesimo secundo.

Daldreby. Mandate to the Dean of Horncastle and Hill to appoint a suitable coadjutor to James of Weston, rector of Dalderby, who was a leper, and to allow him a provision of twenty shillings a year, from the revenues of the said church, during the course of his disease, which the doctors reported to be curable. Spaldwick, November 12, 1292.

O. etc. , decano de Horncastr' et Hille salutem etc . Cum Jacobo de Weston' rectori ecclesie de Daldreby lepre macula adeo infecto quod in administratione et cura dicte ecclesie per se peragendis tolerari non debet de jure , licet ab hujusmodi morbo juxta assertionem medicorum curabilem se affirmet , coadjutorem qui curam habeat animarum et de proventibus dicte ecclesie juxta facultates ejusdem ad sustentationem idem Jacobus aliquam recipiat portionem decreverimus fore dandam , nos de fidelitate vestra fiducia optinentes ad ordinandum de curatore hujusmodi qui curam et sollicitudinem dicte ecclesie utiliter et honeste peragat et procuret in omnibus sicut decet , ipsumque curatorem deputandum et cetera omnia facienda qui hujusmodi negotium requirit , de fructibus et proventibus dicte ecclesie admodum exilis prefato Jacobo pro sustentatione sua viginti solidis annuis , cum nichil amplius juxta inquisitionem per vos factam nobisque transmissam ad opus ejusdem salvis oneribus dicte ecclesie reservari valeat , assignatis terminis pro vestro arbitrio statuendis vobis vices nostras committimus per presentes , mandantes quatinus nos de facto vestro in hac parte plenius certificetis tempore oportuno . Datum apud Spaldewyk' II idus Novembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Commissio audiendi confessiones in archidiaconatu stowe scilicet in decanatibus[2] de lauris. Commission to Geoffrey rector of Little Carleton and Robert vicar of Upton to hear the confessions of clergy in the deanery of Lawres, and to grant absolution except in such cases as were reserved by canon law for a higher authority. Spaldwick, November 13, 1292.

Oliverus etc. , Galfrido rectori ecclesie de Parva Carleton' et Roberto vicario ecclesie de Upton' salutem etc . Statutum salubre a sanctis patribus de viris prudentibus et fidelibus per singulos

[1] Blank in MS. [2] *Sic.*

decanatus pro audiendis confessionibus rectorum , vicariorum , capellanorum et minorum clericorum auctoritate pontificale deputandis non minus convenienter quam salubriter jampridem editum in pluribus locis nostre diocesis temere neglectum et negligenter hactenus pretermissum , ob reverenciam et emulationem orthodoxorum patrum ac precipue subditorum salutem , ad observationem redivivam quantum in nobis est efficaciter reduci volentes , ad audiendum confessiones omnium rectorum , vicariorum et capellanorum parochialium et aliorum qualitercumque celebrantium , ac omnium clericorum graduum inferiorum in decanatu de Lauris , et ipsos de peccatorum maculis occultorum de quibus nobis est medendi permissa potesta , majoribus criminibus de quibus judicialiter contigerit eos convinci et injectionibus manuum in clericos dumtaxat exceptis , imposita eis prius penitencia salutari in forma ecclesie absolvendum vobis et utrique vestrum vices nostras committimus per presentes . Datum apud Spaldewyk' idibus Novembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

[No heading.] Note of commissions in the same form to Robert rector of Lee and Roger vicar of Haxey (Haxay) for the deanery of Corringham, to Robert vicar of S. Alban's, Spridlington (Spridelington'), and William vicar of Cammeringham (Cameringham) for the deanery of Aslackhoe, and to Geoffrey vicar of Winterton (Wynterington') and Walter vicar of Appleby (Appelby) for the deanery of Manlake.

[*Folio 63v.*]

Reconciliatio. Commission to the Treasurer of Lincoln to reconcile the church of Louth (Luda) which had been polluted by bloodshed. Spaldwick, October 16, 1292.[1]

Concessio cantarie. Grant to Walter of Molesworth of the right to have a private chapel in his manor of Molesworth, because the said Walter's mother was old and frail and his wife very fat, and the way to the parish church was long and, in winter, difficult. The grant was to be nullified if Walter did not observe the usual rules governing such chapels. Spaldwick, November 16, 1292.

Oliverus , etc . Waltero de Mulleswurth' etc . Cum manerium tuum de Mulleswurth a matrice ecclesia de eadem distet in tantum quod mater tua decrepita et impotens sui omnino tecum in dicto manerio moram trahens ac uxor tua carnis sarcina plurimum onerata propter hujusmodi distanciam et itineris intermedii difficultatem saltem tempore yemali dictam ecclesiam absque gravamine magno nequunt adire et divinis officiis congruis temporibus interesse prout per inquisitionem super hoc factam plenius est acceptum , tuis supplicationibus favorabiliter inclinati , ut in oratorio infra manerium

[1] Probably a mistake for November 15, 1292.

predictum constructo dum tamen decens fuerit et honestum divina tibi ac uxori et matri tue predictis tantum per sacerdotem propriis tuis sumptibus exhibenda absque prejudicio matricis ecclesie facere secretius valeas celebrari , liberam facultatem usque ad nostre voluntatis beneplacitum tibi concedimus per presentes . Ita tamen quod tu et uxor tua in singulis majoribus anni festivitatibus et aliis in estate contingentibus justo cessante impedimento ac ceteri de familia tua diebus hujusmodi et aliis cum divina audire voluerint matricem ecclesiam predictam visitetis et visitent ut sic debitus honor impendatur eidem , quodque preter te uxorem tuam et matrem ad auditionem divinorum in dicto oratorio nullus de parochia admittatur , nec sacramenta ecclesiastica in eo aliqualiter ministrentur , quodque singuli capellani in eo ministraturi in sui adventus principio de restitutiendis matrici ecclesie predicte oblationibus in dicto oratorio faciendis ac indempnitate ipsius in aliis coram ejusdem rectore seu locum suum tenente prestent ad sancta dei ewangelia juramentum . Quod si contra premissa in aliquo facere decetero te contingat , eo ipso hujusmodi gracia nostra nullius sit momenti . Datum apud Spaldewyk' XVI kalendas Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Contra occupantes prebendam de tham'. Mandate to the Archdeacon of Oxford or his official, ordering him to excommunicate, in the church of S. Mary the Virgin and the other churches of Oxford, in the churches of the deanery of Cuddesdon and in the church of Thame, Edward son of Sir John of St. John, knight, and all his supporters, because the said Edward was attempting unlawfully, on the strength of a provision made by Pope Nicholas IV, to seize the prebend of Thame which the bishop had lawfully conferred on Master Thomas of Sutton, Archdeacon of Northampton. A report was to be made to the bishop before the feast of St. Lucy (December 13). A similar mandate was issued to the Dean of Waddesdon in respect of the church of Thame and the other churches of his deanery. Spaldwick, November 17, 1292.

O. etc. , Archidiacono Oxon' seu ejus officiali etc . Nuper in omnes et singulos qui occasione provisionis quam Edwardus natus nobilis viri Johannis de Sancto Johanne militis[1] de canonicatu et prebenda in nostra Lincoln' ecclesia se habere pretendit prebendam de Thame quam magistro Thome de Sutton' archidiacono Norhampt' dudum rite contulimus ullo colore quesito invadere seu occupare vel detinere seu dictam collationem nostram ullatenus impedire presumpserint ac eisdem malefactoribus occulte vel palam prebentes auxilium , consilium seu favorem majoris excommunicationis sentenciam promulgavimus sub hac forma : — In dei nomine amen . Nos Oliverus permissione Lincoln' episcopus prebendam de Tham' in

[1] Interlined.

nostra Lincoln' ecclesia per mortem quondam domini Willelmi Le Ferre canonici Lincoln' qui eandem prebendam habuit tempore mortis sue vacantem , et ad nostram collationem de[1] jure[1] spectantem , dilecto in Christo filio magistro Thome de Sutton' archidiacono Norhampt' canonice duximus conferendam , cui hujusmodi nostre collationis optentu stallus in choro et locus in capitulo competentes dicte prebende dudum fuerant assignati , verum quidam Edwardus natus nobilis viri domini Johannis de Sancto Johanne militis pretendens provisionem a felicis recordationis domino Nicholao papa quarto sibi factam de canonicatu et prebenda in nostra Lincoln' ecclesia comminatus est se velle pretextu provisionis sue pretacte dictam occupare prebendam et ipsam detinere taliter occupatam prout a nonnullis accepimus fidedignis . Nos vero plenius attendentes quod littere apostolice per quas dictus Edwardus sibi asserit de canonicatu et prebenda ut premittitur provideri falso suggesto , quod tempore impetrationis litterarum ipsarum tanquam clericus in sortem domini assumptus fuerat cum non esset , ac tanto de litterature et etatis defectu quem tempore impetrationis predicte patiebatur notorie et adhuc pati dinoscitur , suppressoque quod nostra Lincoln' ecclesia per varias provisiones factas per dominum papam predictum diversis personis de dignitatibus , canonicatibus et prebendis ejusdem ecclesie [*Folio 64*] tempore dicte impetrationis erat et adhuc est multipliciter pregravata , per falsi suggestionem et veri suppressionem hujusmodi qua tacita vel expressa , predictus Edwardus super provisione sibi facienda de canonicatu in nostra Lincoln' ecclesia nullas omnino litteras habuissent , erant non absque dolo seu fraude per obreptionem optente , advertentes in super quod virtute litterarum ipsarum dumtaxat de prebenda Lincoln' ecclesie vacante tempore impetrationis earum vel proxime vacatura facientium mentionem , prefatus Edwardus dictam prebendam de Tham' cujus vacationem a tempore impetrationis dictarum litterarum vacationes duarum prebendarum non sacerdotalium nulli alii debitarum in ipsa Lincoln' ecclesia precesserunt nullo colore juris poterit vendicare , sana consciencia non possumus connivare ut prefatus Edwardus pretextu dicte provisionis invalide que ad prefatam prebendam de Thame etiam si valeret non possit se extendere quovismodo ipsam prebendam aliqualiter assequatur . Volentes itaque nostram collationem predictam rite factam de prebenda de Tham' gladio spirituali defendere , et temeritatem volentium ipsam prebendam vel aliam nostre ecclesie illicite occupare et ausu nephario detinere juxta juris exigenciam cohercere , in omnes et singulos qui occasione dicte provisionis memoratam prebendam de Thame ullo colore quesito invadere seu occupare vel detinere seu dictam collationem nostram de eadem prebenda ut premittitur rite factam ullatenus impedire presumpserunt , necnon eisdem malefactoribus occulte vel palam prebentes auxilium , consilium seu favorem ,

[1] Interlined.

majoris excommunicationis sentenciam promulgamus . — Ut igitur de eadem sentencia plenius innotescat et ne ipsius ignorancia verisimiliter pretendatur , vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus ipsam sentenciam in ecclesia virginis gloriose Oxon' per vos , duodecim capellanos albis indutis vobiscum assumptis , et in aliis ecclesiis ejusdem municipii , necnon in singulis ecclesiis de Cudesdon' decanatus per . . . . . .[1] rectores seu . . . . . .[1] vicarios vel saltem capellanos ecclesiarum ipsarum , necnon apud ecclesiam de Thame cum solempnitate premissa in ecclesia beate Marie Oxon' facienda tribus diebus dominicis , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , solempniter pupplicatis , eam vulgari ydiomate plenius exponendo . Quid autem inde feceritis nos per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem continentes circa festum sancte Lucie virginis distincte certiores reddere nullatenus omittatis . Valete . Datum apud Spaldewyk' XV kalendas Decembris anno etc . nonagesimo secundo . Item , scriptum fuit similiter decano de Wuttesdon' quod dictam sentenciam in ecclesia de Thame et in singulis ecclesiis decanatus sui tribus diebus dominicis cum solempnitate premissa publicaret et certificaret citra festum sancte Lucie predictum.

Commissio. Commission to the bishop's official to represent him in the case of the appeal made by the Dean of Grimsby (acting as commissary of the bishop) concerning the dispute between Geoffrey vicar of Dunston (Dunston'), executor of the will of Alice Gay of Lincoln, of the one part, and the Abbot and convent of Grimsby of the other, and to make a final settlement. Spaldwick, November 19, 1292.

Commissio.[2] Commission to Masters William of Langworth (Langwaht') and Hugh of Collingham (Colingham), canons of Lincoln, conjointly or separately, to discharge Master William of Kelham (Kelum) executor of the will of Sir Robert de Ros knight, and of John rector of Tyringham and his fellow-executors of the will of Master Roger of Heslerton (Haslarton'), who was himself one of the executors of the will of Sir Robert de Ros. A report was to be made to the bishop. Spaldwick, November 19, 1292.

[*Folio 64v.*]

Relaxatio sequestri. Note of the relaxation of the sequestration of the vicarage of the mediety of the church of Grantham (Graham'), held by Master Henry of Dinsdale (Ditteneshale), until Christmas next ensuing. Spaldwick, November 23, 1292.

[No heading.] Mandate to the official of the Archdeacon of Leicester, telling him not to punish the custodian of the chapel of

[1] Blank in MS. [2] *Bis.*

Alfletford' for non-residence, provided that the said chaplain would promise to reside henceforward. Spaldwick, November 23, 1292.

POTESTAS RICARDI DE MARNHAM SUPER CONTINGENTIBUS MANERIUM DE TILBIRY. To John Genge, ordering him to render the accounts of the bishop's manor of East Tilbury, and to pay all moneys, due to the bishop, to Richard of Marnham, clerk, to whom the bishop had given power of attorney. Spaldwick, November 25, 1292.

O. etc. , dilecto nobis in Christo Johanni Genge salutem, etc . Cum Ricardus de Marneham clericus noster ad te venerit apud Tillebir' pro recipiendo ratiocinio administrationis tue in manerio nostro ejusdem ville , tibi precipiendo mandamus quatinus fidele ratiocinio reddendo sibi in omnibus pareas in premissis , summam pecunie in qua nobis per hujusmodi compotum te teneri contingerit eidem Ricardo sine dilatione qualibet non omittens plenius numerare dicto ante[1] Ricardo , ad recipiendum nomine nostro hujusmodi compotem tuum et ad faciendum tibi[2] ad quietanciam de hiis que liberaveris sibi attornatum nostrum tenore presentium specialiter deputamus . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Spaldewyk' VII kalendas Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

[NO HEADING]. Letters patent by which Bishop Sutton gave to Richard of Marnham, clerk, power of attorney to dispose of corn and other goods in the manor of East Tilbury. Spaldwick, November 25, 1292.

Item . Noverint universi quod nos Oliverus etc . dilecto clerico nostro Ricardo de Marneham disponendi de blado nostro in manerio nostro de Esttilbiry et aliis bonis nostris inibi existentibus liberam concedimus potestatem , ita quod ea possit vendere et alienare cuicumque voluerit prout nobis viderit expedire , promittentes nos ratum habituros et firmum quicquid dictus Ricardus fecerit in premissis . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Spaldewyk' VII kalendas Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

ABSOLUTIO JOHANNIS DE HELPESTON'. Mandate to the Dean of Peterborough to announce the absolution of John son of John of Helpston, a married clerk, from a sentence of excommunication which he had incurred by stabbing William rector of Helpston in the shoulder with a knife. John was to pay William twenty shillings before the following Whitsun, and to keep the peace in future on pain of re-excommunication. A letter from the papal penitenciary

[1] *Sic.* More usually ' antedicto '. [2] Interlined.

on his behalf, dated at S. Peter's, Rome, on September 12, 1292, is given in full. Spaldwick, November 26, 1292.

O. etc. , decano de Burgo sancti Petri etc . Litteras penitenciarii sacrosancte sedis apostolice nuper recepimus sub hac forma : — Venerabili in Christo patri . . . . . .[1] dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo frater Adam sacrosancte Romane ecclesie penitenciarius salutem in domino . Johannem filium Johannis de Helpeston' clericum uxoratum vestre diocesis latorem presentium qui presbiterum quemdam Willelmum nomine personam ecclesie de Helpeston' parochialem suum cum cultello usque ad sanguinis effusionem vulneravit in spatula , de quo vulnere idem presbiter est plenius curatus , nec propter hoc ad divina inhabilis est effectus , ad vos auctoritate sedis apostolice ab excommunicatione quam propter hoc incurrit , a suis peccatis remittimus juxta formam ecclesie absolutum , mandantes eidem inter alia sub debito prestiti juramenti ut passo injuriam si non satisfecit satisfaciat competenter . Vos autem considerata culpa ipsius injungatis ei penitenciam salutarem . Quod si forte satisfacere contempserit ipsum in vinculum excommunicationis reducatis . Datum Rome apud sanctum Petrum II idus Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo apostolica sede vacante . — Nos vero predictum Willelmum in admissione satisfactionis sibi oblate difficilem ut dicebatur se reddentem , ad instanciam dicti Johannis coram nobis vocari facientes , cum in forma debita minime compareret , pensatis pensandis duximus ordinandum quod prefatus Johannes dicto Willelmo viginti solidos nomine satisfactionis sine mora persolveret , vel de satisfaciendo citra festum pentecostis proxime futurum sufficienter cavebit eidem , nisi in toto vel in parte remissionem valeat optinere , prestitoque ab eodem Johanne ad sancta dei ewangelia juramento quod prefatum Willelmum occasione contentionis pristine inter eos habite decetero non gravabit nec gravari per alios procurabit , injungi sibi fecimus pro commisso penitenciam salutarem . Quocirca vobis mandamus quatinus eundem Johannem denuncietis seu denunciari faciatis a dicta sentencia taliter absolutum , ipsumque statim post festum pentecostis predictum si dicto Willelmo non satisfecerit citra illud in eandem excommunicationis sentenciam reducentes . Datum apud Spaldewyk' VI kalendas Decembris anno domini supradicto et pontificatus nostri tertiodecimo.

Prefectio . . . . . .[1] prioris de colde norton'. Announcement of the appointment, by Bishop Sutton, of Robert of Ravensden, a canon of Canons Ashby, to be prior of Cold Norton in succession to Walter who had resigned. The subprior and convent had unanimously agreed to leave the choice of a prior to the bishop. No place or date.

[1] Blank in MS.

In dei nomine amen . Vacante prioratu de Coldenorton' Lincoln' diocesis per cessionem fratris Walteri ultimi prioris ejusdem sponte factam et per nos canonice admissam . . . . . .[1] supprior et conventus ejusdem loci certa consideratione moti nobis Olivero permissione divina Lincoln' episcopo sibi et domui sue hac vice providendi de priore specialiter commiserunt unanimiter potestatem . Nos vero de fratre Roberto de Ravenesden' canonico de Esseby Canonicorum tum propter laudabile testimonium quod accepimus de eodem tum propter locorum hujusmodi prioratuum vicinitatem et alia quedam nos ad hoc inducentia opinionem probabilem inducentes , eundem fratrem Robertum in priorem prioratus de Colde Norton' ex potestate in nos translata ut premittitur prefecimus ista vice , curam et administrationem in spiritualibus et temporalibus ejusdem prioratus de Coldenorton' plenius committentes eidem.

[*Folio 65.*]

Commissio. Commission to the official of the Archdeacon of Bedford and to any cleric whom he may choose as a colleague to discharge the executors of Aubrée (Alberade) wife of Herbert Manipeny. Biggleswade, November 30, 1292.

Littera ordinum. Mandate to the archdeacons of the diocese to announce that the bishop would ordain beneficed clergy and members of religious orders at Dorchester Abbey on December 20, 1292, but that no other candidates would be ordained on this occasion.[2] A report was to be made to the bishop. Biggleswade, November 30, 1292.

O. etc. , universis archidiaconis per nostram diocesem constitutis vel eorum officialibus etc . Quia die sabbati quatuor temporum proxima post festum sancte Lucie virginis in conventuali ecclesia de Dorkec' beneficiatis et religiosis dumtaxat ordines celebrare proponimus domino concedente , vobis mandamus quatinus beneficiatos archidiaconatuum vestrorum ad presens ordinari volentes faciatis celeriter premuniri quod sexta feria dictum diem ordinum precedente ad nos vel ad clericos nostros accedant propositum suum insinuaturi in hac parte , ordines quod sibi convenientes recepturi die ad hoc statuto superius nominato . Aliis omnibus personis non beneficiatis nec religiosis denunciari facientes quod si sub spe promotionis ad ordines qualescumque tempore prestituto ad nos accesserint inaniter se vexabunt . Et quid inde feceritis nos plenius certificetis per littera vestra patentes harum seriem continentes . Valete . Datum apud Bikkeleswad' II kalendas Decembris pontificatus nostri anno tertiodecimo.

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[2] Sutton's unusually long stay at Spaldwick during this autumn may have been due to illness. If so, a prolonged ceremony of ordination may have been too exhausting for him. There is no other obvious explanation of this letter.

Pro imberto rectore ecclesie de brauncewell'. Licence to Imbert, rector of Brauncewell, to go abroad for three years from the ensuing Michaelmas, provided that the cure of souls was not neglected, that the church was not farmed out by the Templars who were its patrons, and that the said Imbert should pay twenty shillings to the poor of the parish during each year of his absence. Biggleswade, December 1, 1292.

Sentencia generalis pro episcopo. Mandate to the Archdeacons of Huntingdon and Bedford and their officials to excommunicate all those who infringed the rights and exemptions of the bishop or his tenants. Note that this sentence had been promulgated in the time of Bishop Gravesend, again in the first year of Sutton's episcopate, from Buckden on October 16, 1280, and again on March 1, 1293.[1]

O. etc. , Huntingdon' et Bedford' archidiaconis et eorum . . . . . .[2] officialibus salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Mandamus vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter injungentes quatinus canonica monitione premissa pupplice et solempniter in locis quibus expedire videritis excommunicatos denuncietis in genere omnes illos qui contra libertates et liberas consuetudines ecclesie Lincoln' nos seu tenentes nostros videbitis exactionibus gravare seu jura nostra vel dicte ecclesie nostre quacumque arte vel studio in aliquo subtrahendo predictas libertates vel liberas consuetudines maliciose presumunt violare . Eos autem quos per facti evidenciam vel alias legitime culpabiles inveneritis in hac parte excommunicationis sentencia previa ratione nominatim involutos pupplicetis et velud[3] excommunicatos usque ad satisfactionem condignam ab omnibus faciatis artius evitari . Injungimus etiam vobis omnibus et singulis quod hoc mandatum nostrum contra dictos violatores totiens cum omni diligencia exequi studeatis quotiens per nostros super hoc fueritis requisiti . Valete . Datum apud Bugdon' XVII kalendas Novembris pontificatus nostri anno primo . Ista littera exivit primo anno pontificatus episcopi et kalendis Martii pontificatus sui anno tertiodecimo fuit renovata . Dicitur etiam quod tempore episcopi Ricardi exivit sub forma eadem.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Richard son of Ralph of Newport Pagnell (Neuport Paynel) acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Dorchester-on-Thames, December 12, 1292.

[1] No such entry appears in the Register on this date. Scalleby probably mislaid it and entered it here, but as the note has not been added later he may have meant March 1, 1292.
[2] Blank in MS. [3] *Sic.*

Pro priorissa de stodele. Appointment of Warner vicar of Hanslope as general adviser to the convent of Studley, at the request of the prioress and convent, so far as his obligation of residence should permit. Dorchester-on-Thames, December 13, 1292.

Oliverus etc . Warnerio vicario ecclesie de Hampslap' nostre diocesis salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Ut . . . . . .[1] priorisse et monialibus prioratus de Stodele in rebus suis administrandis et regendis quatenus onus residencie tue permittit per vices consulere et intendere possis , ad instanciam dicte priorisse liberam tibi quantum ad nos pertinet tenore presentium concedimus facultatem . Datum apud Dorkecestr' idibus Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to William Fink' of Swinford (Swyneford') acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Dorchester-on-Thames, December 19, 1292.

Concessio cantarie. Letters patent granting to Masters William de Wercherhale and John de Grestein, rector of Bledlow, the right to have a private chapel in the lodging of the said Master William in Catte Street, Oxford. Fingest, December 26, 1292.

Universis pateat per presentes quod nos Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis nobis in Christo magistris Willelmo de Wercherhale et Johanni de Gresteno rectori ecclesie de Bledlawe quod in oratorio infra hospicium ejusdem magistri Willelmi in Cattestret' Oxon' constructo , de cujus honestate et decencia nobis est sufficiens facta fides , divina absque prejudicio matricis ecclesie libere valeant celebrare liberam facultatem usque ad nostre voluntatis beneplacitum concedimus per presentes . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Tingehirst' VII kalendas Januarii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Ratificatio. Ratification of indulgences granted by any bishop to those who should pray for the soul of Lady Fyna,[2] wife of Sir William FitzWarin, whose body is buried in the Franciscan church at Northampton. Fingest, December 27, 1292.

Captio. Request to the King for the arrest of Henry of Hole, living in Clee (Cle), who had remained obdurate for more than forty days under a sentence of excommunication. Fingest, December 27, 1292.

Indulgencia. Grant of twenty days' indulgence, with ratification of all similar indulgences granted by any other bishop, to all

[1] Blank in MS. [2] *Sic.* The name is unusual.

those who should contribute to the building of the causeway between the hills of Harpenden and Foxenden. The grant was to remain valid for five years. Fingest, December 27, 1292.

COMMISSIO PRO BONIS . . . . . .[1] RECTORIS DE SUTHKYVELINGWRTH' INTESTATI SERVANDIS. Mandate to the Dean and subsequestrator of Guthlaxton to take charge of the goods of the late Ralph rector of South Kilworth, who had died intestate, and to keep them until further notice. Fingest, January 3, 1293.

LITTERA CONTRA CONSERVATORES PRIVILEGIORUM. To the Dean of Ness, telling him that the Archdeacon of Westminster had exceeded his authority in ordering the Dean of Stamford to cite certain persons to appear before his court in Westminster Abbey, and, when the Dean of Stamford refused to do this, in ordering the Dean of Ness and Master John of Maldon, rector of Asgarby-by-Sleaford, to cite the said Dean of Stamford to appear at Westminster before the Archdeacon and brother Thomas of Doncaster to answer for contumacy. Bishop Sutton warned the Dean of Ness on pain of excommunication, not to publish, and publicly to refute, any sentence against the Dean of Stamford issued by, or on behalf of, the Archdeacon of Westminster. Fingest, January 3, 1293.

O. etc., decano de Nasso etc. Sacrosancta statuit Romana ecclesia ut conservatores quos plerisque concedit a manifestis injuriis et violenciis defendere possint quos eis defendendos committit, nec ad alia que judicialem indaginem exigunt suam possint extendere potestatem. Verum . . . . . .[1] archidiaconus Westmonast' quorundam privilegiorum se conservatorem pretendens . . . . . .[1] decano Staunford' suis dedit litteris in mandatis quod certas personas de villa Staunford' peremptorie citare curaret ut certis die et loco coram eodem archidiacono compararent in ecclesia conventuali Westmonaster' quibusdam personis in suis litteris citatoriis expressis super sibi obiter responsuri et juri parituri, se ad judicialem indaginem convertendo et sic metas sibi concesse potestatis transgrediens necnon et non sine nimia presumptione abutens. Et quia prefatus decanus Staunford' hujusmodi mandato archidiaconi antedicti, terminos sue potestatis ut predictum est temere excedentis et per consequens jurisdictionem quempiam non habentis, parere noluit sicuti nec debebat, dictus archidiaconus errorem adiciendo errori vobis et magistro Johanni de Meldon' rectori ecclesie de Asgarby scripsit firmiter injungendo quod supradictum decanum Staunford' citaretis ut tertio die juridico post festum sancti Hillarii coram ipso compareat in ecclesia conventuali Westmonast' super contemptu et inobediencia ac fratri Thome de Dancastr' responsurum. Cum igitur prescriptum mandatum vobis directum sicut et

[1] Blank in MS.

primum actum judicialem sapere dubium non existat ad quem potestas conservatoribus a sede apostolica excessa minime se extendit , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus et sub pena excommunicationis majoris ne sepedictum archidiaconum quem in hac parte reputamus privatum et nullam prorsus jurisdictionem habentem super predicto mandato certificare curetis . Quod si forte dictus archidiaconus per vos vel per dictum magistrum Johannem juris ignorancia vel alias excogitata malicia certificatus extiterit et ea occasione in ipsum decanum Staunford' sentencias quascumque tulerit vel latas processu temporis per quemcumque subditum nostrum vel alium mandaverit pupplicari , vos sub pena predicta sentencias hujusmodi tanquam a non habente jurisdictionem prolatas pupplice denuncietis in locis de quibus requisiti fueritis esse nullas . Datum apud [*Folio 66*] Tyngehirst' III nonas Januarii anno domini millesimo CC. nonagesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri XIII.

Indulgencia. Mandate to the Archdeacons of Oxford and Buckingham, or their officials, to facilitate the collection of alms for the fabric fund of Dorchester Abbey, provided that the fabric fund of Lincoln Cathedral were not thereby prejudiced, together with the announcement of twenty days' indulgence to all those who should contribute to the fund for Dorchester. The indulgence was to remain valid for five years. Fingest, January 3, 1293.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis . . . . .[1] Oxon' et . . . . . .[1] Buck' archidiaconis vel eorum officialibus[2] salutem etc . Depressioni status . . . . . .[1] abbatis et canonicorum de Dorkecestr' quam passi sunt proximis temporibus retroactis paterno compatientes affectu , vobis mandamus quatinus cum fratres seu nuncii eorundem ad vos pro fidelium elemosinis ad fabricam ecclesie sue conventualis venerint colligendis ipsorum negotium per locorum presbiteros diebus dominicis seu festivis intra missarum solempnia faciatis patenter exponi , et quod collatum fuerit eisdem integraliter liberari , proviso quod negotium fabrice ecclesie nostre Lincoln' per hoc minime differatur . Ut autem ad subventionem eorundem abbatis et canonicorum in hac parte per collectiva indulgendiarum munera mentes fidelium excitemus , de dei omnipotentis misericordia , beatissime virginis Marie et gloriosi confessoris sancti Hugonis et omnium sanctorum meritis confidentes , omnibus parochianis nostris et aliis quorum diocesani hanc nostram indulgenciam ratam habuerint , de peccatorum suorum maculis vere penitentibus et confessis , qui ad fabricam conventualis ecclesie predicte de bonis sibi a deo collatis grata contulerint subsidia caritatis , viginti dies de injuncta sibi penitencia misericorditer relaxamus . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum appensum

[1] Blank in MS. [2] These three words are written in the margin.

est, presentibus post quinquennium minime valituris . Datum apud Tyngehirst' III nonas Januarii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Ratificatio. Ratification of all other indulgences granted, or to be granted hereafter, by any bishop to those who would contribute to the fabric fund of Dorchester Abbey. Fingest, January 3, 1293.

Concessio cantarie. Letters patent announcing that the bishop has granted to John de Chysebech' and Geoffrey his kinsman, priests, the right to have a private chapel in their manse at Chysebech', on account of its distance from the parish church of Lewknor. Fingest, January 15, 1293.

Universis pateat per presentes quod nos Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis Johanni de Chysebech et Galfrido germano suo presbiteris quod in oratorio infra mansum ipsius Johannis apud Chisebech[1] constructo , de cujus honestate et decencia nobis est sufficiens facta fides , divina absque prejudicio matricis ecclesie de Leukenore per vices cum a visitatione ejusdem ecclesie matricis impediti fuerint seu alter eorum fuerit impeditus valeant seu valeat secretius celebrare , ita tamen quod ad divinorum auditionem in dicto oratorio nullus comparochianus eorum vel quis de aliena parochia admittatur , nec sacramenta ecclesiastica in eo aliqualiter ministrentur , liberam facultatem usque ad nostre voluntatis beneplacitum , pensata distancia mansi predicti ab ecclesia parochiali prefata , rectoris et vicarii ipsius ecclesie ad hoc concurrente consensu concedimus per presentes . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Tyngehirst' XIX kalendas Februarii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Commissio. Commission to Master William of Langworth (Langwath') and Sir Richard of Rothwell (Rowell'), canons of Lincoln, to discharge Master Ralph of Halton (Halton') and his fellow-executors of the will of the late Sir Richard of Halton, and to discharge also Henry of Lincoln, living in Branston (Braunceton') and his fellow-executors of the will of the late John Vintner (Vinetarius) of Lincoln. Fingest, January 15, 1293.

Absolutio et dispensatio. Note of the absolution of Roger of Welford (Welleford') priest from a sentence of excommunication incurred by striking Geoffrey of Daventry (Daventr') acolyte, and of a dispensation granted to the said Roger for saying the divine office while excommunicated. Fingest, January 19, 1293.

[1] *Sic.*

Venditio fructuum ecclesie de wutton'.[1] Note that Richard de Selte of Northampton (who had agreed to farm the church of Wootton from Nicholas of Beauvais when the fruits of the church were actually under lawful sequestration by the bishop) came and agreed to buy the said fruits from the bishop for seventeen marks, which he swore to pay to the bishop or his executors within a fortnight after the ensuing Easter, giving the bishop a sealed bond. Fingest, January 17, 1293.

Memorandum quod cum fructus ecclesie de Wutton' juxta Norhamt' de autumpno anni domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundi tanquam vacantis ecclesie in sequestrum episcopi incidissent , Ricardus dictus de Selte de Norhamt' clericus veniens personaliter apud Tyngehirst' et asserens se eandem ecclesiam a Nicholao de Belvaco detentionem dicte ecclesie tanquam rector incumbente episcopo ignorante incaute recepisse ad firmam , fructus ejusdem ecclesie ad festum sancti Hillarii anno domini predicto extantes per episcopum sequestratos emit ab eo pro XVII marcis solvendis eidem episcopo vel executoribus suis infra quindenam pasche proxime sequentem , et super hoc fecit episcopo scriptum obligatorium et sigillo suo signavit et tactis sacrosanctis ewangeliis juravit quod hujusmodi pecuniam solveret termino antedicto . Datum apud Tyngehirst' XVI kalendas Februarii anno domini supradicto.

Commissio. Commission to the subprior of Caldwell, Master Walter of Wootton (Wutton'), canon of Lincoln, and Master Robert rector of Maldon to discharge the executors of the wills of the late Sir Simon and Sir John of Pattishall (Peteshill') and Sir Hugh Boszard, knights. Fingest, January 22, 1293.

Reconciliatio. Commission to the Archdeacons of Northampton and Bedford, or to either of them separately, to reconcile the churchyard of Geddington (Geytingdon') which had been polluted by bloodshed. Fingest, January 25, 1293.

Nassington'. To the vicar of Nassington, telling him to await the ruling of the bishop or his deputy in the suit between Gilbert Bugi of Nassington of the one part, and Andrew and Robert sons of Agnes of Allington of the other, concerning half a messuage and half a virgate of land belonging to the church of Nassington, and in the meanwhile to do nothing to the prejudice of the claim of either party. Fingest, January 26, 1293.

O. etc. , vicario ecclesie de Nassington' etc . Quia inter Gilbertum Bugi de Nassington' medietatem unius messuagii et dimidium virgate terre in eadem villa que sunt de feodo ecclesie de Nassington' ut jus

[1] There is a drawing of a hand in the margin. The words 'pro vacatione ecclesiarum' are written in the margin in a later hand.

suum secundum antequam consuetudinem curie loci ejusdem ab olim usitatem petentem ex parte una et Andream filium Agnetis de Alyngton' ac Robertum fratrem suum hujusmodi messuagium et terran ut jus suum in solidum vendicantes ex altera in curia ecclesie de Nassington' litem intelleximus esse motam , que occasione cujusdam mandati nostri vobis prius in hac parte directi plus debito dicitur prorogata , nos jus utriusque partis ac formam littere vestre[1] pretacte diligentius examinare volentes , vobis mandamus quatinus dictum tenementum adhuc in manu nostra sicut hactenus fecistis ut refertur tenere curantes jure cujuslibet semper salvo , in partis predicte alterutrius prejudicium nichil penitus attemptetis , decretum nostrum vel deputandorum a nobis decetero finaliter expectantes . Datum apud Tyngehirst' VII kalendas Februarii.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to William son of Peter of Ketton (Keten') acolyte, to receive all holy orders from the Bishop of Rochester. Fingest, January 26, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Walter of Bampton (Bampton') subdeacon, to receive holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Fingest, February 2, 1293.

Licencia capiendi assisam. Licence to Sir Elias of Beckingham (Bekingham'), Sir Peter of Leicester (Leyc') and their fellow-justices to hold three assizes of novel disseisin between the Prior of Canons Ashby (Esseby Canonicorum), plaintiff, and John le Marescal, defendant, during the ensuing Lent. Written in the form of letters patent under the bishop's seal. Fingest, February 2, 1293.

Carta relicte ade lamb'. Letters patent granting to Agnes, widow of Adam Lamb of Burton, custody of John, son and heir of the said Adam, during his minority, for an annual payment of twelve shillings and one penny. The bishop reserved to himself and his successors the suit of court of Fingest. Fingest, February 2, 1293.

Universis ad quos presentes littere pervenerint Oliverus etc . salutem in auctore salutis . Noveritis nos concessisse Agneti que fuit uxor Ade Lamb' de Berghton' custodiam terrarum et Johannis filii et heredis ejusdem Ade , habendum et tenendum eidem Agneti usque ad legitimam etatem predicti Johannis , reddendo nobis et successoribus nostris duodecim solidos et unum denarium per annum pro omnibus serviciis , consuetudinibus et demandis de dictis terris provenientibus , salva nobis et successoribus nostris secta curie nostre de Tyngehirst . Nos vero et successores nostri predictam custodiam prefate Agneti usque ad legitimam etatem [*Folio 67*] predicti Johannis warantizabimus et defendemus per servicium

[1] *Sic*, but this may be a mistake for ' nostre '.

memoratum . In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum nostrum apposuimus . Datum apud Tyngehirst' die purificationis beate Marie anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to William de ? Thurscrumb'[1] acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop Fingest, February 2, 1293.

Littera prioris et capituli ecclesie Christi cantuar' ad. orandum pro archiepiscopo johanne defuncto. Mandate to all the archdeacons of the diocese to arrange for prayers for the soul of Archbishop Pecham, lately deceased, and for the election of a worthy successor to the see of Canterbury. (The mandate was issued in response to a letter from Prior Henry of Eastry and the Chapter of Christ Church, Canterbury, written at Canterbury on January 23, 1293, and received by Sutton at Wooburn on February 3, 1293.) A report was to be made to the bishop. Wooburn, February 7, 1293.

Venerabili in Christo patri domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo devoti sui H. permissione divina prior ecclesie Christi Cantuar' et ejusdem loci capitulum salutem et sincere devotionis obsequium cum reverencia et honore . Justis petentium desideriis que a rationis tramite non deviant solet clementer annuere dignitas pastoralis , quorum precipue intentio fervore caritatis intensa et honorem dei consideret et salutem respicit animarum . Quoniam igitur rerum omnium conditor et moderator deus cujus beneficio pietatis vicissitudines ecclesie sancte disponuntur , cujus majestas imperio omnis caro in suam redigitur originem , jam de silva lignorum germinantium arborem succidit excelsam , virtutum fructibus opulentam , quam ipsius dextera tanquam alterum vite lignum in medio nostri plantaverat paradisi , cujus sanctitatis opinio usquequaquam redolet , cujus sapientie radiis totus orbis clarescit , cujus doctrina universalem mirifice resparsit ecclesiam , non mirum si tanti dispendium vestre sicut et nostre considerationis oculis magnum profluvium induxerit lacrimarum . Lugentes siquidem more orphanino tanti patris occasum in domino consolamur sperantes arborem jam precisam in structura celestis Jerusalem coaptatam illorum consortio quorum vicem gerebat in terris feliciter meruisse aggregari . Quia cum de seipso homo nescit veraciter utrum amore an odio sit dignus , quanto magis de altero scire poterit , paternitati vestre reverende toto devotionis quo possumus affectu supplicamus quatinus nostri patris et pastoris animam de Egipti partibus egressam in sacrificiis hostie salutaris et ceteris orationum vestrarum instantiis recommendatam velitis habere , et concessis a vobis[2] si placet aliquibus indulgenciarum muneribus , ad hoc idem vestros subditos propensius excitare , ut

[1] The last syllable of this name, which is interlined, is not at all clear.
[2] These two words are interlined.

si forsan ex humana conversatione quicquam divinis oculis minus placidum minusve dignum proprio vel alieno reatu adhuc eidem adheserit expiandum , hoc per immaculatam victimam multiplicatis intercessoribus celerius abstergatur . Ceterum ne plus debito ecclesia Cantuar' insigne specialum regni Anglie stola jucunditatis exuta , et pro pallio laudis dipploide induta mereris sub veste lugubri viduales deplorans angustias , ornamenta nuptialis ignara ulterius in tristitia sedeat desolata , ad electionem alterius sponsi juxta canonicas sanctiones maturius intendemus procedere , votis omnibus et internis affectibus sollicitudinem nostram in hac parte vestris subditorumque vestrorum deo dignis suffragiis pie petimus refoveri , quatinus mentibus nostris gracia celestis inspiret quod per ministerium nostrum ecclesie viduate talis provideatur sponsus et pastor sub cujus regimine pax prospera et tranquillitas tam in regno quam in sacerdotio augitur jugere valeant circumquaque , qui nec prosperis extollatur nec deiciatur adversis , et qui precipue gregi dominico prodesse magis appetat quam preesse . Quid autam super premissie facere decreverit sanctitas vestra nobis per litteras vestras significare curetis . Valeat vestra sancta paternitas in Christo per merita matris ejusdem . Datum Cantuar' X kalendas Februarii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo . — Ista littera suprascripta venit apud Wouburn' III nonas Februarii anno XIII , et postmodum VIII idus Februarii scriptum fuit universis archidiaconis per Lincoln' diocesem vel eorum officialibus sub hac forma : — Oliverus etc . universis archidiaconis per Lincoln' diocesem vel eorum officialibus salutem etc . Rem non novam sed proh dolor nimium propalatam vestris auribus duximus inculcandam de quondam reverendo patre domino J. dei gracia Cantuar' archiepiscopo , cujus fama in honestate vite , eminencia sciencie et efficacia doctrine longe lateque claruit et effulsit , qui ut suo placuit conditori debitum nature prout scitis noscitur persolvisse . Et quis est qui tante probitatis cumuli in uno homine congesti occasum lugubrem tolleret solatum spei qua illorum consortio in beata requie quorum sustineret sine merore nisi illum ex adverso [*Folio* 67v] vicem gerebat in terris pie creditur feliciter aggregatus . Verumptamen quia nullus in hac luce seu valle potius miserie scit utrum amore an odio sit dignus , et multo minus de altero habere poterit certitudo , ut si forsan tante patris anime ex humana conversatione quicquam proprio vel alieno reatu adhuc eidem inhesit expiandum , hoc per multiplicatis intercessionibus celerius abstergatur , et a devotis filiis quibus prefuit eidem subveniatur devotione sincera , vobis * ad instanciam prioris et capituli ecclesie Christi Cantuar' *[1] mandamus firmiter injungentes quatinus ipsius animam in missarum solempniis et aliis orationum suffragiis pro defunctis juxta morem canendis recommendatum habentes in singulis *monasteriis et*[1] ecclesiis parochialibus archidiaconatuum vestrorum eam recommendari similiter sub solempnitate debita

[1] * . . . * interlined in the margin.

devotius faciatis . Ceterum ut luctum ruine columpne pretacte deus ipse prosperum convertat in risum , ecclesie sue Cantuar' loco sublati sub cujus regimine pax prospera et tranquillitas pacifica tam in regno quam in sacerdotio decetera vigeat circumquaque , sponsum futurum juxta cor suum eligi faciendo , suppliciter exoretis , alios ad hoc idem faciendum solicitius exorantes . Vos autem quid super premissis duxeritis faciendum nos litteris vestris patentibus harum seriem continentibus certificetis tempore oportuno . Valete . Datum apud Wouburn' VIII idus Februarii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Robert of Messingham acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Isleworth, February 7, 1293.

Licencia capiendi assisam. Licence to Sir Peter of Leicester (Leyc') and Sir William of Carleton, the King's justices, to hold, in Lent, an assize of novel disseisin between Robert son of John Le Rus de Haums', plaintiff, and Robert Le Rus of Cople (Coupl'), defendant. London, Old Temple, February 13, 1293.

Littera testimonialis de excommunicatione.[1] Letter patent under the bishop's seal announcing that Henry of Hole of Clee had been excommunicated and had remained obdurate for more than forty days. London, Old Temple, February 13, 1293. Note that Master Simon of Grimsby, who had asked for the said letter, returned it on February 15, saying that he had not used it.

Universis ad quos presentes littere pervenerint , Oliverus etc . Attendentes pium esse excommunicatorum nomina pupplice divulgare , ut dum ab aliis se evitari conspiciunt rubore suffusi ad reconciliationis graciam citius inclinentur , universitati vestre notum facimus per presentes quod Henricus de Hole manens in Cle nostre diocesis majoris excommunicationis sentencia propter ejus contumaciam et auctoritate ordinaria innodatus in qua per quadraginta dies[2] et amplius perstitit et adhuc persistit animo indurato claves ecclesie contempnendo . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' idibus Februarii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo . Postmodum XVI kalendas Martii anno predicto venit magister Simon de Grimesby ad cujus instanciam dicta littera fuit impetrata , et eam restituit , dicens quod ea usus non fuit.[3]

Licencia recipiendi inquisitionem pro domino radulpho pyrot. Licence to Sir William of Carleton and Sir Robert of Graveley (Gravele), the King's justices, to try, in Lent, those

[1] Drawing of a hand in the margin. [2] Interlined.
[3] 'Restitutio ejusdem littere' is written in the margin.

malefactors and breakers of the peace who by force of arms broke into Sir Ralph Pyrot's park at Harlington (Herelingdon'), set nets and other engines there without permission, and caught beasts which they carried off. London, Old Temple, February 15, 1293.

Monitio et excommunicatio. Mandate to the official of the Archdeacon of Bedford to warn and, if necessary, subsequently excommunicate the poachers mentioned in the previous letter. This mandate was in the same form as that issued on behalf of Martin Creuker.[1] London, Old Temple, February 15, 1293.

Pro defectibus ecclesie de aspele. Mandate to the Archdeacon of Bedford to examine the furnishings of the church and the structure of the manse at Aspley Guise, since according to the custodian John of Ferriby they were in a bad state of disrepair. If John of Ferriby's complaint were justified, the archdeacon was to compel the last incumbent to pay for the necessary restorations. A report was to be made to the bishop. London, Old Temple, February 15, 1293.

O. etc. , archidiacono Bedford salutem etc . Significante nobis dilecto in Christo filio Johanne de Feriby custode ecclesie de Aspele , ad quam nobis presentatus existit nuper per nos deputato , accepimus quod in libris et ornamentis dicte ecclesie adeo intolerabiles defectus existunt quod non est ibi integrum vestimentum aut codex competens in quibus divina honeste valeant celebrari , et edificia mansi ipsius ecclesie diruta sunt et alias minantur ruinam , super quibus de remedio congruo provideri a nobis instantius postulavit . Nos vero attendentes quod de premissis curare ad [*Folio 68*] officium vestrum immediatius noscitur pertinere , quodque tales defectus inventi negligencie archidiaconali sunt plerumque non immerito ascribendi , vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes quatinus vocatis prius sub dilatione congrua illis quorum interest predictos visui diligenter supponentes , ultimum rectorem dicte ecclesie in archidiaconatu vestro alias beneficiatum ad emendationem eorundem competentem qualem statum ipsius ecclesie decere decreveritis et pro tempore futuro invenire volueritis in eadem sine dissimulatione qualibet ratione previa canonice compellatis si forte contumax inventus fuerit et rebellis . Et quid super hiis feceritis nos litteris vestris patentibus harum seriem et processum vestrum continentibus certificetis tempore oportuno . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XVI kalendas Martii pontificatus nostri anno tertiodecimo.

Sentencia generalis contra occupantes ecclesiam de glaston'. Mandate to the Dean of Rutland to excommunicate all those who had forcibly seized and occupied the church and manse

[1] See p. 4.

of Glaston, giving out a false report that the rector was dead, and had prevented the rector's proctor from collecting the fruits of the said church. London, Old Temple, February 16, 1293.

O. etc. , decano Roteland' salutem etc . Nuper ad nostrum quorundam relatione pervenit auditum quod quidam presumptuosi viri novos fingendo rumores rectorem ecclesie de Glaston' absentem mortuum asserentes , eandem ecclesiam et mansum ipsius vi armata quasi hostiliter sunt ingressi et inibi armorum potentia se defendunt , campanorum flagella ne ad commotandum populum pro divinis audiendis pulsari valeant amoventes , et procuratorem rectoris predicti de vita ipsius coram nobis docere paratum et diem ad hoc petentem mansum predictum ingredi et de fructibus in orreis existentibus et aliis jam perceptis non sinentes , in animarum suarum periculum , prefati rectoris prejudicium non modicum et gravamen . Nos vero tam sacrilege temeritatis excessum propter exempli perniciem perfecto odio persequi cupientes , vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes quatinus assumptis vobiscum rectoribus , vicariis seu presbiteris parochialibus de vicinis albis indutis , ad dictam ecclesiam sine dilatione qualibet personaliter accedentes , omnes presumptores predictos in genere legitime moneatis et efficaciter inducatis quod predictam ecclesiam et mansum ejusdem penitus deferentes , ac deo et ecclesie ipsiusque rectori satisfacientes congrue de presumptis , procuratorem rectoris ejusdem de fructibus sinant disponere memoratis , et divinorum obsequia in ecclesia fieri prout decet , alioquin ipsos ex tunc majoris excommunicationis sentencia similiter in genere innodetis , et ipsos sic excommunicatos in singulis ecclesiis decanatus vestri tribus diebus dominicis subsequentibus , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , faciatis solempniter et pupplice nunciari . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XVI kalendas Martii pontificatus nostri anno tertiodecimo.

Pro amovenda potentia laycali. Request to the King to remove the lay persons who were occupying the church of Thame by force of arms. London, Old Temple, February 16, 1293. Note that this letter was later amended.[1]

Excellentissimo domino suo etc . Oliverus etc . Cum nonnulli presumptuosi viri ad villam de Thame nostre diocesis nuper accedentes ecclesiam loci ejusdem temere sunt ingressi , ipsam vi et armis occupatam nequiter detinentes , excellenciam vestram attentius exoramus quatinus hujusmodi vim laycam et temerariam ob reverenciam sacrosancte ecclesie facere velitis penitus amoveri . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XV kalendas Martii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo . *Ista littera fuit correcta propter quedam verba que deficiebant ut patet in quaterno sequenti in tertio folio.*[2]

[1] See p. 67. [2] This sentence is added in the margin. See p. 67.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to David of Tinwell (Tynewell') to receive minor orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, February 17, 1293.

Littera questuaria. Mandate to the Dean and chapter of Lincoln and to all the archdeacons of the diocese or their officials, to instruct all their clergy to recommend to the faithful, on three Sundays or feast-days annually, the collectors of alms for the hospital of Sant' Assencio at Anagni, who had special privileges from Pope Nicholas IV, provided that contributions to the crusade or to the fabric fund of the cathedral were not thereby decreased. This grant was to be valid for three years. London, Old Temple, February 17, 1293.

Oliverus , etc . decano et capitulo ecclesie nostre Lincoln' ac universis archidiaconis per nostram diocesem constitutis vel eorum officialibus salutem etc . Cum magistro et fratribus hospitalis sancti Assencii de Anagnia a bone memorie domino Nicholao papa quarto specialiter sit concessum quod interdicto generali universis et singulis religiosis ordinibus hospitalium et domorum dei magistris et fratribus super omnimodo questus exercicio per eundem papam dudum interposito non obstante , juxta indulgencias eisdem a sede apostolica concessas , ea que sibi pro infirmorum ad dictum hospitale confluentium et operum pietatis que exercentur ibidem sustentatione , pia fidelium devotio duxerit eroganda per loca petere valeant et retinere , dum tamen non cedat in diminutionem subsidii terre sancte prout super hoc nobis est sufficiens facta fides , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus cum fratres seu nuncii hospitalis memorati ad vos venerint pro fidelium elemosinis ad opus ipsius hospitalis colligendis , ipsorum negotium per locorum presbiteros absque convocatione seu predicatione aliqua tribus diebus dominicis seu festivis intra missarum solempnia dummodi veri fuerint fratres seu nuncii ejusdem semel in anno faciatis patenter exponi , et quod collatum fuerit eisdem [*Folio 68v*] integraliter liberari , proviso quod in subsidii dicte terre diminutionem non cedat et negotium fabrice ecclesie nostre Lincoln' per hoc minime perturbatur , presentibus post triennium minime valituris . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London XIIII kalendas Martii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Relaxatio sequestri de welleby. To Robert of Burton, sequestrator, or his representative in the rural deanery of Grantham, ordering the recipient to relax the sequestration (if any had been made) of the fruits of the church of Welby, and to return to Edmund Maubaunk, formerly rector, any such fruits sequestrated before November 25, 1292, on which day the said Edmund had resigned the living. London, Old Temple, February 19, 1293.

O. permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto in Christo filio Roberto de Burton' sequestratori nostro seu ejus locum tenenti in decanatu de Graham salutem etc . Sequestrum si quod in fructibus ecclesie de Welleby de autumpno proxime preterito occasione non residencie seu non ordinationis Edmundi Maubaunk' ultimi rectoris ejusdem sit per vos vel alterum vestrum interpositum penitus relaxetis , cum a tempore commissi sibi regiminis in eadem ecclesia nondum annus sit elapsus , ipsumque habeamus super non residencia excusatum . Quicquid insuper de dictis fructibus vel aliis dicte ecclesie proventibus per vos perceptum fuerit usque ad VII kalendas Decembris proxime preteritum quo die idem Edmundus dictam ecclesiam resignavit integraliter restituatis eidem . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XII kalendas Martii pontificatus nostri anno XIII.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to William, son of Peter of Ketton (Keten'), acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, February 19, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to the official of the Archdeacon of Stow and the vicar of Hackthorn (Hakethorn') to discharge Henry of Horkstow (Horkestowe) and his fellow-executors of the will of Henry son of Jocelyn of Horkestow. London, Old Temple, February 19, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to the Prior of St. Frideswide's, Oxford, and to Master Henry of Benniworth, canon of Lincoln, to deal with Roger Smith and Matilda daughter of Beatrice, of the parish of Iffley, who were accused, by the official of the Archdeacon of Oxford, of having married within the prohibited degrees of kinship. A report was to be made to the bishop. London, Old Temple, February 21, 1293.

Oliverus etc . . . . . .[1] priori sancte Fredeswyde Oxon' et magistro Henrico de Benigwurth' canonico ecclesie nostre Lincoln' salutem etc . In negotio divorcii contra Rogerum Fabrum et Matildem filiam Beatricis de parochia de Yestele per . . . . . .[1] officialem . . . . . .[1] archidiaconi Oxon' super eo quod iidem in gradu consanguinitatis prohibito sese mutuo attingentes contra interdictum ecclesie contractum sub nomine matrimonii in facie ecclesie solempnizare temere presumpserint et sic de facto illegitimo stant convicti , ex officio suo moto et ad examen nostrum legitime devoluto , vobis vices nostras committimus cum cohercionis canonice potestate mandantes quatinus nos de facto vestro oportuno tempore certificetis per vestras patentes litteras harum seriem et processum vestrum plenius continentes . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' X kalendas Martii pontificatus nostri anno tertiodecimo.

[1] Blank in MS.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to William Broneman of Olney (Olneye) to receive the priesthood from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, February 24, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Adam of Walgrave (Waldegrave) acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, February 29, 1293.[1]

Pro amovenda vi layca ab ecclesia de thame. Renewed appeal to the King to eject those lay persons who were occupying the church of Thame and preventing the celebration of divine service in it, and depriving Master Thomas of Sutton, the lawful rector, of access to his own church. London, Old Temple, March 2, 1293.[2]

Excellento domino suo etc . Cum pro amovatione vis layce ab ecclesia de Thame nostre diocesis excellencie vestre juxta regni vestri consuetudinem nuper scripsimus supplicando , fueritque hujusmodi supplicatio nostra pro eo quod coram vobis testificatio extitit ut audivimus vicecomitis Oxon' ea occasione prius scriptum fuisse posita in suspenso , dominationi vestre significamus certius per presentes quod dicto vicecomiti super hoc ad instantiam nostram nequaquam hactenus scriptum erat , quocirca regie majestati vestre attentius supplicamus quatinus vim laycam supradictam cujus pretextu celebratione divinorum et ministratio sacramentorum ac liber ingressus et egressus magistri Thome de Sutton' veri rectoris ipsius ecclesie ac parochianorum ejusdem ibidem temere impediuntur aliter quam deceret , ob reverencia sancte ecclesie precipere velitis a dicta ecclesia seu manso ipsius penitus amoveri . Valeat etc . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' VI nonas Martii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Concessio cantarie hic inseritur quia non inseritur in suo loco et est de anno undecimo. Grant to Sir John of Wootton, knight, of the right to have a private chapel in his manor of Wootton, on account of its distance from the parish church and the difficulty of the intervening road in winter. The Prior and convent of Newnham (who had appropriated the living of Wootton) and the vicar had given their consent to the establishment of a chapel. Fingest, December 5, 1290.

Oliverus etc . domino Johanni de Wutton' militi salutem etc . Devotionem tuam qua divinis officiis sepius interesse , ac distanciam manerii tui de Wutton' ab ecclesia matrice ejusdem , difficultatemque itineris inter [*Folio 69*] medii saltem tempore yemali attendentes , ut in oratorio infra manerium tuum predictum constructo , dum tamen decens fuerit et honestum , divina tibi et libere familie tue per sacerdotem tuis propriis sumptibus exhibenda cum in manerio

[1] By the old style of reckoning this month would fall in 1292. [2] See p. 64.

prefato contigerit te morari licite facias celebrari , ...[1] prioris et conventus de Newham' dictam ecclesiam in usos proprios possidentium , necnon vicarii eorundem , ad hoc concurrente consensu , liberam facultatem tibi concedimus per presentes , ita tamen quod nullimodis sacramentis ecclesiasticis in dicto oratorio ministratis , tuipse et libera familia tua ecclesiam matricem predictam ut debitus honor servetur eidem in majoribus anni solempnitatibus cessante impedimento legitimo personaliter adeatis , eademque ecclesia indempnis in omnibus conservetur . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Tyngehirst' nonis Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo et pontificatus nostri undecimo.[2]

Pro testamento johannis cotty de lincoln'. Mandate to the Dean of Christianity to excommunicate, in all the churches of Lincoln, in the cathedral at the time of the procession, and in any other suitable place in the city, all those who were preventing the provisions of the will of John Cotty, citizen of Lincoln, from being put into effect. Moreover, since the heir of the said John was being particularly troublesome, the dean was to warn him to repent and seek absolution, and if he would not do so, to cite him to appear before the bishop on the first law-day after the feast of the Ascension. A report was to be made to the bishop. London, Old Temple, March 1, 1293.

O. etc , decano Christianitatis Lincoln' etc . Quamvis deficientium voluntates ultimas auctoritate ordinaria approbatas maliciose impedientes quominus in hiis que de jure vel consuetudine legari possunt debitum sortiantur effectum sunt sacrarum constitutionum auctoritate majoris excommunicationis sentencia innodati , quidam tamen iniquitatis filii sue salutis immemores et seipos ipso facto dampnabiliter involventes hujusmodi sentencia testamentum quondam Johannis Cotty civis Lincoln' rite conditum et auctoritate ordinaria approbatum , quod ea que de jure vel consuetudine in testamento suo reliquit ne effectui mancipentur scienter et maliciose impediunt ut accepimus et perturbant in animam suam et dicti defuncti grande periculum et scandalum plurimorum . Tante igitur temeritatis audaciam propter periculum quod dictis perturbatoribus iminet et perniciosum exemplum ex hoc aliis relinquendum conniventibus oculis pertransire nolentes , vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus in singulis ecclesiis civitatis Lincoln' tribus diebus dominicis et festivis intra missarum solempnia et etiam in ecclesia nostra cathedrali hora processionis , indicto silencio , ac alibi in civitate Lincoln' ubi videritis expedire , omnes presumptores predictos cum suis auctoribus , fautoribus et consiliariis

[1] Blank in MS.

[2] This letter is one of the rare examples of a document which Scalleby seems to have mislaid before copying it into the register.

universis in dictam excommunicationis sentenciam incidisse et excommunicatos esse , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , solempniter et pupplice denuncietis seu per alios denunciari faciatis in genere . Et quia heres prefati Johannis plus ceteris in hac parte dicitur presumptuosus , nedum legatum patris sui predicti prout sibi placuit , et etiam de jure licuit relictum maliciose impedit quinimo[1] bona ejusdem testatoris mobilia quamplura temere occupare refertur , liberam administrationem executorum testatoris predicti in bonis ejusdem injuste impediendo , vobis sub districtione qua prius mandamus quatinus si est ita eundem heredem moneatis et efficaciter inducatis quod ab hujusmodi excessu prorsus desistens , de presumptis per ipsum satisfaciat ut tenetur , seque a dicta sentencia absolvi procuret , alioquin contra[2] per censuram ecclesiasticam ratione previa procedere non tardetis , eundem nichilominus si ipsum[3] protervitas hoc exegerit citantes peremptorie quod proximo die juridico post festum ascensionis domini ubicumque tunc fuerimus in nostra diocese compareat coram nobis auditurus , facturus et recepturus super premissis et ea contingentibus quod justicia suadebit . Vos autem qualiter hoc mandatum nostrum fueritis executi nos litteris vestris patentibus harum seriem et processum vestrum totum in hac parte continentibus nos certificetis tempore oportuno . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' kalendis Martii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Sentencia generalis. Mandate to the Dean of Wraggoe (Wraghou) to warn and, if they proved obdurate, excommunicate certain persons who had seized and occupied the church of Stainton (Staynton'). London, Old Temple, March 2, 1293.

Commissio ad reconciliandum. Commission to the treasurer and subdean of Lincoln to reconcile the church of Holy Trinity, Wigford (Wykeford'), which had been polluted by bloodshed. London, Old Temple, March 3, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Robert son of Robert Racy of Barton (Barton') to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, March 4, 1293.

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Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Master John of Hinckley (Hynkele) subdeacon to receive the diaconate from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, March 6, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Elias le Blunt of Chipping Norton (Chepingnorton') acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, March 15, 1293.

[1] *Sic, recte* 'quin immo'. [2] The word 'eum' is omitted. [3] *Sic, recte* 'ipsius'.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Thomas of Bray acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, March 16, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Reginald of Leighton (Leycton') acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Christian bishop. London, Old Temple, March 16, 1293.

Pro querendo rectore de blechesdon'. Mandate to the Archdeacon of Oxford to pay to Ralph of Skegby, from the revenues of the church of Bletchingdon if they were sufficient, reasonable expenses incurred in searching for the rector of Bletchingdon, provided that the said Ralph took an oath to discharge his duties faithfully. (The rector had disappeared, apparently in a state of temporary insanity,[1] and his sister and Ralph of Skegby, who was a kinsman, suspected that he was trying to join his two brothers, one of whom was in Compiègne and the other not far away.) London, Old Temple, March 19, 1293.

O. etc , archidiacono Oxon' etc . . . . . .[2] soror rectoris ecclesie de Blechesdon' et Radulfus de Skeggeby consanguineus ejusdem apud nos nuper institerunt ut alicui dictum rectorem quesituro ministrari de bonis dicte ecclesie faceremus , asserentes se firmiter credere dictum rectorem per hoc quod unum germanum habet apud Cumpeyne et alium alibi partibus in eisdem , et per hoc quod se asserunt accepisse pro certo quod quidam noti sibi eidem rectori obviarunt nuper in partibus transmarinis certius transfretasse . Quocirca vobis mandamus quatinus si dictus Radulfus qui ad querendum prefatum rectorem se paratum obtulit coram nobis vel quivis alius fidedignus adhibere velit diligenciam debitam in hoc casu et ad illam fideliter exequendam se corporale astringere juramento , vos recepta securitate juratoria expensas rationabiles si bona dicte ecclesie nunc extantia sufficient faciatis eidem sine more dispendio liberari . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XIIII kalendas Aprilis pontificatus nostri anno tertiodecimo.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Geoffrey of Scothern (Scopthorn') subdeacon to receive the diaconate from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, March 19, 1293.

Sentencia contra occupantes prebendam de thame. Mandate to the official of the archdeacon of Oxford to excommunicate, in the university of Oxford, in all the churches of the city of Oxford and the rural deanery of Cuddesdon, and in Thame and all its dependent chapels, all those who, in defiance of the bishop's earlier sentence of excommunication, were occupying the prebendary's house in the

[1] See p. 42. [2] Blank in MS.

name of Edward son of Sir John of St. John, whereas the bishop had lawfully conferred the prebend upon Master Thomas of Sutton. The archdeacon was to find out the names of the intruders and to make a report to the bishop before St. Mark's day (April 25) next ensuing. London, Old Temple, March 19, 1293.

O. etc. , ...[1] officiali . . . . . .[1] archidiaconi Oxon' salutem etc . Cum nos prebendam de Thame nostre Lincoln' ecclesie per mortem quondam domini Willelmi Ferre vacantem et ad nostram collationem spectantem dilecto in Christo filio magistro Thome de Sutton' archidiacono Norhamt' canonice duxerimus conferendam , eidem magistro Thome nostra collationis optentu stallo in choro et loco in capitulo dicte prebende competentibus assignatis , ex parte Edwardi nati nobilis viri Johannis de Sancto Johanne militis pretendentis provisionem a sede apostolica sibi factam de canonicatu et prebenda in nostra Lincoln' ecclesia esset prout ex quorundam fidedignorum relatione didicimus multipliciter comminatum quod idem Edwardus hujusmodi provisionis optentu dictam occuparet prebendam et eam detineret taliter occupatam , nos dictam provisionem si qua fuerit certis ex causis invalidam veraciter attendentes et non posse ad prebendam de Tham' se quovismodo extendere etiam si valeret , volentes insuper dictam collationem nostram rite factam de prefata prebenda gladio spirituali defendere et temeritatem volentium ipsam prebendam intrusionis vitio occupare condigna animadversione ferire in omnes et singulos qui occasione dicte provisionis prefatam prebendam de Tham' ullo colore quesito invadere seu occupare vel detinere seu dictam collationem nostram rite factam de eadem prebenda ullatenus impedire presumerent , necnon eisdem malefactoribus occulte vel palam prebentes auxilium , consilium seu favorem, majoris excommunicationis sentenciam , quam ad dominum regem et ejus liberos se extendere intentionis nostre non fuerat nec existit , duximus promulgandam , excommunicationem eandem tribus diebus dominicis in ecclesiis Oxon' et decanatus de Cuddesdon' necnon apud ecclesiam de Tham' per vos ut nostis facientes solempniter pupplicari . Sane nonnulli Sathane satellites de quorum nominibus adhuc certitudinem non habemus postquam archidiaconus supradictus prefatam prebendam cum ipsius domibus , juribus et pertinenciis nostre collationis optentu per tempus non modicum pacifice possederat et quiete , ex dicta provisione colore conficto domus ipsius prebende nomine dicti Edwardi per intrusionem invadere presumpserunt , prescriptum archidiaconum eisdem domibus temere spoliando , easdemque domus detinent tam nepharie occupatas , excommunicationis sentenciam suprascriptam dampnabiliter non verentes , que in partibus de Thame et locis vicinis sunt ita pupplica et notoria quod nulla possunt tergiversatione celari . Ne igitur tanto flagitio impunito ceteris prebeatur audacia consimilia perpetrandi ,

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vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo mandamus [*Folio 70*] quatinus omnes et singulos qui domus dicte prebende nomine memorati Edwardi ut premittitur invaserunt et eas taliter occupatas detinere presumunt , necnon omnes flagitiosis hujusmodi occulte vel palam prestantes auxilium , consilium seu favorem dicta excommunicatione ligatos et sic excommunicatos per omnes scolas Oxon' necnon in singulis ecclesiis ejusdem municipii et decanatus de Cuddesdon' ac aliis locis de quibus videritis expedire , necnon apud Tham' et in capellis ejusdem cuntis[1] diebus dominicis et festivis faciatis , pulsatis campanis accensisque candelis cum solempnitate qua poteritis nunciari donec super hoc a nobis aliud habeatis in mandatis , ita quod vosmetipsi tribus diebus dominicis seu aliis solempnitatibus et festivis in ecclesia beate Marie Oxon' et apud Tham' et ipsis capellis saltem semel in denunciatione hujusmodi facienda habeatis duodecim vobiscum aut plures capellanos albis indutos , palam et expressius inhibentes ne quis cum predictis prebendam occupantibus antedictam comedendo , bibendo , emendo , vendendo , orando seu alio modo contra sacrorum canonum instituta sub pena excommunicationis communicare presumat . Nicholominus vero de eorundem nominibus intrusorum , ac eisdem communicantium ac notorietate facte solicitius inquiratis , ut contra eos nominatim juxta canonicas sanctiones procedere valeamus . Et quid super hiis omnibus et singulis duxeritis faciendum nos citra festum sancti Marci ewangeliste proxime futurum certificetis per vestros patentes litteras harum seriem ac predictorum intrusorum nomina continentes . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XIIII kalendas Aprilis anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.

Sentencia contra eosdem occupatores. Note of a similar mandate to the official of the Archdeacon of Buckingham, to pronounce a similar sentence in all the churches in the rural deaneries of Waddesdon and Wendover, in other suitable places in the archdeaconry of Buckingham, and in Thame and all its dependent chapels. London, Old Temple, March 19, 1293.

Missio instrumentorum per johannem de stowa ad curiam romanam.[2] Note that on March 21, 1293, John of Stow set out for Rome, taking with him three legal documents, drawn up by William of Anlaby,[3] concerning a lawsuit pending between Bishop Sutton and the official of the Archbishop of Canterbury, in which Sutton had appealed to the papal curia. John took also two letters sent by the said official to the bishop, and one sent by him to Master Henry of Nassington, the official of the Bishop of Lincoln. London, Old Temple.

[1] *Sic, recte* ' cunctis '. [2] Drawing of a flag in the margin.
[3] One of the bishop's notaries-public.

XII kalendas Aprilis anno XIII apud Vetus Templum London' arripuit Johannes de Stowa iter versus curiam romanam et habuit secum tria instrumenta pupplica manu Willelmi de Anlawby confecta appellationem episcopi contra . . . . .[1] officialem Cantuar' pro yconomatu contingentia , unum scilicet de notificationis dicte appellationis facta archiepiscopo , aliud de notificatione appellationis facte officiali Cantuar' , tertium super alia notificatione cujusdam alterius appellationis de eadem materia facta archiepiscopo . Item duas litteras officialis curie Cantuar' originales episcopo directas et tertiam magistro Henrico de Nassington' officiali directam.

Indulgencia. Grant of twenty days' indulgence to all who should pray for the soul of Avis Marmyun whose body is buried before the altar in the Lady Chapel in the church of St. Nicholas at Tanfield (Thanesfeld') in the diocese of York. London, Old Temple, March 20, 1293.

Pro thoma isaac de graham capellano extraordinato.[2] To the Dean of Grantham, telling him that Thomas Isaac of Grantham had been lawfully ordained, since he had obtained letters dimissory. Since, however, the said Thomas appeared to be extremely uncertain about the words of the masses of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Ghost, the Blessed Virgin and the requiem mass, the bishop had ordered him to devote himself to the study of these and of other suitable matters. When he was reasonably word-perfect he was to be allowed, with the bishop's licence, to celebrate these four masses, but without cure of souls. Whaddon, March 30, 1293.

O. etc. , ...[1] decano de Graham etc . Cum Thoma Isaac de Graham presbitero extraordinato et de ordinibus diaconatus et presbiteratus ab alienis episcopis optentu litterarum dimissoriarum nostrarum sibi concessarum ut a quocumque episcopo catholico sedis apostolice graciam optinente eo non obstante quod de nostra diocese existit oriundus dum tamen non obstaret aliud canonicum posset licite ordinari rite susceptis ut dicit , super cujusmodi ordinum suorum adhuc nobis exhibuit quantum secundum deum possumus intuitu caritatis volentes agere graciose , eidem duximus injungendum quod circa repetitionem eorum que spectant ad officium sacerdotale , et precipue circa missas de sancta trinitate , de sancto spiritu , de beata Maria et pro defunctis , ac canonum misse repetendas , operam diligentem impendat , ita quod canonis et hujusmodi missarum ad minus rectum verborum habeat intellectum priusquam missam celebrare presumat , et ulterius in aliis sciendis se exerceat sicut decet . Quocirca vobis mandamus in virtute obediencie firmiter injungentes quatinus postquam dictus Thomas

[1] Blank in MS. [2] Drawing of a hand in the margin.

in premissis fuit informatus et tolerabiliter expertus , quadrifarias missas pretactas dumtaxat sine qualibet cura parochiale , dum tamen aliud canonicum non obsistat , de nostra licencia divina celebrare licite permittatis , super quibus [*Folio 70v*] vestram conscienciam oneramus . Datum apud Whaddon' III kalendas Aprilis pontificatus nostri anno tertiodecimo.

Pro amovenda vi laica ab ecclesia de thame. To the King, asking him to deal with certain laymen who had violently thrust out from the manse at Thame the servants of Master Thomas of Sutton the prebendary, and who were continuing to occupy the said manse by force of arms. Whaddon, March 31, 1293.

Excellentissimo domino suo domino E. dei gracia illustri regi Anglie , domino Hybernie et duci Aquitanie , Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus salutem in eo per quem reges regnant et regnorum omnium gubernacula sustentantur . Quia nonnulli laici servientes magistri Thome de Sutton' rectoris ecclesie prebendalis de Tham' nostre diocesis a manso ecclesie ejusdem ibidem per violenciam ejecerunt et mansum illum adhuc vi armata detinent occupatum , dominationi vestre attentius supplicamus quatinus hujusmodi vim laicam a manso ecclesiastico memorato velit vestra majestas regia facere penitus amoveri . Valeat excellencia vestra in domino sana et incolumis per tempora longiora . Datum apud Whaddon' II kalendas April' anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo.[1]

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Walter of Ashwell (Eshewell') clerk to receive all minor orders which he had not acquired, and all holy orders, from any Catholic bishop. Whaddon, March 31, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters in similar form to William son of Robert of Ashby (Askeby) clerk. Whaddon, March 31, 1293.

Relaxatio sequestri ecclesie de coston'. Mandate to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, or to his representative in the rural deanery of Framland, to relax the sequestration imposed on the revenues of Coston church because of the non-residence of Osbert of Barford (Bereford') the rector. Whaddon, March 31, 1293.

Thorpeymer'. Mandate to Robert of Burton or to the Dean of Framland to refrain from demanding tithes of wool and lambs due from the church of Thorpe Arnold, since the bishop had bestowed these tithes, during the vacancy of the church, upon Roger Brabazun. Whaddon, March 31, 1293.

[1] *Sic, reste* ' tertio '.

Captio. Request to the King for the arrest of John of Risborough (Rysebrwe) living in Stony Stratford (Stonistretford'), who had remained obdurate for more than forty days after his excommunication by the Dean of Newport Pagnell. Biggleswade, April 1, 1293.

Littera pro constructione campanilis ecclesie de hagwurthingham'. Mandate to the Dean of Horncastle and Hill, who had been slow and negligent in fulfilling the bishop's earlier mandates[1] to induce the parishioners of Hagworthingham to finish building their belfry. The dean was to take measures at once, and to report to the bishop before St. John Baptist's day (June 24) next ensuing. Biggleswade, April 2, 1293.

O. etc. , decano de Horncastr' et Hille etc . Dudum scripsimus vobis quod parochianos ecclesie de Hagwurthingham ad consummationem fabrice campanilis ecclesie loci ejusdem laudabiliter inchoate per censuram ecclesiasticam si necesse foret contribuere ratione previa cogeretis , adhibita moderatione , quod hujusmodi sarcinam pensatis conditionibus personarum partari equaliter faciatis . Et licet vobis hujusmodi mandatum nostrum nimis tepide exequentibus , immo ipsius executionem potius negligentibus , scripserimus subsequenter quod predictum mandatum executione debite mandaretis , verumptamen utrumque mandatum surda aure ut videtur voluntarie obaudistis . Nos vero mandata nostra canonica , immo nos ipsos in injunctionibus contemptum scienter a nostris subditis non volentes , vobis mandamus in virtute obediencie et sub pena canonica quatinus mandatum nostrum vobis in hac parte directum saltem exnunc efficaciter exequi resumentes , quod de eo duxeritis faciendum et si quos rebelles inveneritis qualiter animadverteritis in eosdem , nos litteris vestris patentibus harum seriem et processum vestrum totum et modum procedendi in hac parte continentibus citra festum nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste certificare curetis . Datum apud Bykkeleswad' IIII nonas Aprilis pontificatus nostri anno XIII.

Sentencia generalis. Note of a sentence of general excommunication pronounced on all those who had laid violent hands on Ralph called Taylor (Cissor), clerk, of Bedford, in St. Paul's church at Bedford. Biggleswade, April 2, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to the Abbot and Prior of Missenden and to the official of the Archdeacon of Buckingham to try all cases which were due to come up before the bishop in the parish church of Wycombe on the second law-day after Quasimodo Geniti Sunday (April 5). Biggleswade, April 4, 1293.

[1] See L.R.S., 48, pp. 25, 153.

[*Folio 71.*]

Pro cignis domini radulphi paynel amotis. To the Deans of Yarborough and Manlake. Mandate to issue solemn warnings, in all churches near to the river Ancholme and in other suitable places, that all those who had stolen swans belonging to Sir Ralph Paynel knight (which swans were feeding in the said river) should recompense Sir Ralph for his loss within fifteen days, or suffer the penalty of excommunication. Biggleswade, April 8, 1293.

O. etc. , ...[1] de Jordeburg et . . . . .[1] de Manlak' decanis etc . Significante nobis dilecto in Christo filio domino Radulpho Paynel milite accepimus quod nonnulli iniquitatis filii quorum personas et nomina ignorat , propriis non contenti , ad aliena contrectenda oculos nequiter convertentes , de cignis ejusdem militis in fluvio Ancholn' in quo hujusmodi aves jus optinet immittendi pariter et habendi ut dicit pro pascu et nutrimento existentibus nunc octo nunc quatuor divisis vicibus abigere , amovere et clam subtrahere presumpserunt in divine legis offensam et animarum suarum periculum perquaquam grave , propter quod de remedio oportuno sibi provideri per nos instantius postulavit . Nolentes igitur hujusmodi transgressionis piaculum , ne ipsius impunitas alios ad consimilia provocet peragenda impunitum reliqui , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus in ecclesiis decanatuum vestrorum dicto fluvio vicinioribus circumquaque et aliis in quibus videritis expedire intra missarum solempnia tribus diebus dominicis seu aliis festivis dictos malefactores in genere moneatis seu moneri puplice[2] faciatis quod dicto militi de dampno sibi dato in hac parte una modo vel alio infra quindenam a tempore noticie monitionis hujusmodi satisfaciant ut tenentur , alioquin si spiritu indurato hoc facere rebelliter non curarint , eosdem extunc aliis tribus diebus dominicis locis et hora pretactis in genere excommunicetis seu per alios pupplice faciatis quousque beneficium absolutionis meruerint optinere . Datum apud Bykkelswad' VI idus Aprilis anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to John of Bray of Beckhampton (Bechehampton') acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, April 13, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, to discharge the executors of Martin called Ape[2] of Sibsey (Cybecey), Richard of Loddington (Lodington') from Barton, Henry called Smerhorn' of Kirkby (Kyrkeby) and Thomas of Grantham (Graham). London, Old Temple, April 12, 1293.

Commissio magisterii de merlawe. Commission to Robert de Fayrmere , rector of Rotherfield (Retherfeud'), of the office of

[1] Blank in MS. [2] *Sic.*

master of the priory of Marlow (Merlawe), at the request of the Prioress and nuns. He had letters in the same form as those granted to Master Thomas de Perariis on his appointment as master of Heynings.[1] London, Old Temple, April 19, 1293.

Pro johanne le mazun intestato. Mandate to the subsequestrator of the Dean of Gartree to sequestrate, at the request of Sir William de Mont Revell, knight, all the goods of John le Mazun who had lately died at Hallaton, until it could be decided whether or not he had died intestate, and to send to the bishop a box sealed with the seals of those who claimed to be John's attorneys, together with his tallies and rolls. (The purpose of this was to prevent William de la Funt and Gerard de Monte from suffering loss through having their goods accidentally sequestrated.) The subsequestrator was to cause a list of all John's possessions and their value to be drawn up in the presence of lawful witnesses and placed in safe-keeping. If the King's bailiffs attempted to interfere they were to be reported to the bishop, and if Thomas of Cranoe attempted to interfere he was to be subjected to ecclesiastical censure. London, Old Temple, April 21, 1293.

O. etc. , ...[2] subsequestratori in decanatu de Gertr' salutem etc . Rogavit nos nobilis vir dominus Willelmus de Mont Revell' miles quod bona Johannis le Mazon[3] qui apud Halgton' nuper dicitur decessisse fideliter estimari et estimata salvo custodiri faceremus donec constiterit utrum idem defunctus intestatus decesserit vel testatus , quodque pixidem quamdam signatam sigillis eorum qui se dicebant attornatos defuncti predicti una cum talliis et rotulis inter loca pretacta inventis nobis per vos plenius mandaremus , quodque provideremus ut Willelmo de La Funt et Gerardo de Monte quantum ad bona ipsorum occasione sequestri in bonis dicti Johannis interpositi dampnum nullatenus inferretur . Nos vero petitioni dicti domini[4] Willelmi quantum honeste possumus favere volentes , vobis mandamus quatinus bona prefati defuncti in presentia virorum fidedignorum qui hujusmodi bonorum verisimilius qualitatem et quantitatem noverint bona fide estimari , et estimata in scripta redigi , et redacta salvo custodiri faciatis donec aliud a nobis habueritis in mandatis . Pixidem , tallias et rotulos suprafatos si penes vos fuerint nobis sub sigillo vestro transmittentes inclusos , providendo quod dicti Willelmus Funt et Gerardus pretextu sequestri in bonis suis indebite non graventur . Ceterum si . . . . . .[2] ballivi domini regis quominus premissa exequi valeatis prout decet vos impediunt aut perturbant , prout littera vestra quam Roberto sequestratori nostro dicimini destinasse apertius innuebat , nomina hujusmodi ballivorum et auctoritatem quam pretendunt et formam brevis si quod habeant una cum toto facto suo in hac parte nobis

[1] *See* L.R.S. 48, p. 5. [2] Blank in MS. [3] *Sic.* [4] Interlined.

rescribere non tardetis . Si vero ballivi pretacti ab eo quod facere presumpserunt in premissis ut asseritur jam desistant , ac Thomas de Crawenhou executionem hujusmodi mandati nostri temere impedire attemptet , ipsum per censuram ecclesiasticam ratione previa compescetis . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XI kalendas Maii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

[*Folio 71*v.]

SENTENCIA PRO INTERFECTIONE DAMORUM PRIORIS SPALDING'.[1] Mandate to the Archdeacons of Lincoln, Northampton and Huntingdon to warn, and if necessary excommunicate, in all the churches of the rural deanery of Holland and in other neighbouring churches, all those poachers who took more than sixty deer, belonging to the Prior and convent of Spalding, from their manor of Pinchbeck on Easter Eve (March 28) and possibly performed some superstitious rite with their blood.[2] London, Old Temple, April 21, 1293.

O. etc. , ...[3] Lincoln', ...[3] Northamton' et . . . . . .[3] Huntingdon' archidiaconis vel . . . . .[3] eorum officialibus salutem etc . Detestabilis malicie scelus inmensum[4] in partibus Hoyland' ut refertur nequiter perpetratam ad aures nostras nuper pervenit , de eo quod nonnulli iniquitatis filii divine et humane legis transgressores quorum nomina ignorantur manerium dilectorum in Christo filiorum . . . . . .[3] prioris et conventus Spalding' quod novus locus in parochia de Pyncebeck' vulgariter nuncupatur circa vigiliam Pasche proxime preteritam seu in ipsa vigilia contra voluntatem dominorum seu custodum loci ejusdem noctanter ingressi , damos et damas infra septem seu clausum dicti manerii existentes usque ad sexaginta et amplius tum per canes tum per alia ingenia non sine excogitata malicia occiderunt , et taliter occisos pro majori parte quo eis libuit temere asportarunt , in contumeliam hostie salutaris et vive , diabolo ad irreverenciam ipsius temporis sacri nephandum piaculi sacrificium in sanguine pecorum immolantes de quo vehemens scandalum in dictis partibus dicitur suscitatum . Nos igitur attendentes quod omnes de domibus et maneriis , grangiis vel aliis hujusmodi locis ad . . . . .[3] archiepiscopos , ...[3] episcopos vel alias personas ecclesiasticas vel ad ipsas ecclesias pertinentibus quicquam preter voluntatem aut permissionem dominorum vel eorum qui sunt ejusmodi rerum custodiis deputati auferentes , consumentes vel contrectantes sint ipso facto excommunicatione ligati , et hujusmodi execrabilis excessus auctores ratione peccati et ne ejusdem consimilia perpetrandi aliis relinquat exemplum perfecto odio persequi cupientes , vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter

[1] Drawing, in the margin, of a face with a very long nose (profile).

[2] This interpretation is uncertain and I would not press it. Sutton may simply have meant that poaching on such a holy day was in itself a kind of sacrifice to the devil.

[3] Blank in MS. [4] *Sic.*

injungendo mandamus quatinus in singulis ecclesiis decanatus Hoyland' et aliis archidiaconatuum predictorum decanatui prefato vicinioribus in quibus videritis expedire , omnes malefactores predictos et eis in hujusmodi facto opem et consilium seu consensum tribus diebus dominicis seu festivis intra missarum solempnia palam in genere moneri ex habundanti faciatis quod infra quindenam a tempore monitionis hujusmodi de transgressione predicta quatenus ad ecclesiam ratione offensi dei et ecclesie ac qualitati facte noscitur pertinere satisfaciant ut teneantur , alioquin omnes transgressores predictos cum suos auctoribus et consiliariis tribus diebus dominicis locis et hora pretactis , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , vice et auctoritate nostra in genere excommunicetis seu excommunicatos esse , aut excommunicari vel excommunicatos per alios denunciari pupplice faciatis quousque de hujusmodi peccato et malicia sua veraciter penitentes absolutionis beneficium meruerint optinere . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XI kalendas Maii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri XIII·

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Robert son of John of Caddington (Cadenton') clerk to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, April 26, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters in the same form as the last, granted to Simon of Taplow (Tappelawe) clerk. Same date.

Dimissorie. Letter under the bishop's seal to the Abbot of Thornton, granting him licence to have one of his canons, Andrew of Croxby, subdeacon, ordained to the diaconate by the Bishop of Carlisle at the Whitsun ordinations. London, Old Temple, April 27, 1293.

Pro testamento domini ricardi de harecurt'. Mandate to the official of the Archdeacon of Leicester and to Robert of Burton the sequestrator, conjointly or severally, to sequestrate the goods in the archdeaconry of Leicester belonging to Robert of Harcourt, who had died intestate. A similar mandate was sent to the Archdeacon of Oxford in respect of his archdeaconry. A note adds that on the following day the form of the letters was changed, as may be seen from the entry in the Roll of Wills.[1] London, Old Temple, April 28, 1293.

O. etc. , officiali . . . . .[2] archidiaconi Leyc' et Roberto de Burton' sequestratori nostro et eorum alteri[3] salutem etc . Quia de bonis domini Ricardi de Harecurt' qui nuper intestatus decessit ad salutem anime sue ferventer desideramus et volumus ordinare , vobis firmiter

[1] This document is lost. [2] Blank in MS.
[3] These three words are interlined.

injungendo mandamus quatinus de bonis suis in archidiaconatu Leyc' existentibus curam habeatis diligentem ea que servando servari non possunt justo pretio fideliter distrahendo et pecuniam ex eis levatam et alia que servari possunt nostre ordinationi sub fida custodia reservando , in hoc negotio [*Folio 72*] taliter vos habentes quod de necgligencia argui minime valeatis . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' IIII kalendas Maii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio . Sub eadem forma scriptum fuit archidiacono Oxon' pro bonis dicti defuncti infra archidiaconatum suum existentibus . Postmodum die sequente mutate fuerunt hujusmodi litttere prout continetur in rotulo de testamentis.[1]

Pro blado magistri Nicholai de Marnham sequestrato. Mandate to the Archdeacon of Oxford to sell the grain and straw belonging to the late Master Nicholas of Marnham, rector of Ardington, which had been sequestrated because the church and manse needed repair, and to keep the money until he received instructions from the bishop. London, April 28, 1293.

Dispensatio. Dispensation granted to Richard Est of Hawerby (Harwardby) clerk, who had ministered in the office of deacon before being ordained to it. London, Old Temple, April 29, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to Masters William of Thornton and William of Langworth (Langwath'), canons of Lincoln, and to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, to discharge the executors of the will of Joan wife of Sir Thomas of Burnham. London, Old Temple, April 29, 1293.

Pro fructibus de dunesby. Grant to Stephen of Pointon rector of Dunsby-by-Brauncewell of the fruits of the said church for the previous autumn. These had been sequestrated because Stephen had previously failed to receive ordination. A letter was sent to the sequestrator ordering him to deliver to the said Stephen the fruits and the document by which Stephen had previously resigned his claim to them. London, Old Temple, May 1, 1293.

Kalendis Maii anno XIII apud Vetus Templum London' concessit episcopus *quantum in ipso fuit*[2] fructus ecclesie de Dunesby autumpni proxime preteriti qui in suum inciderat sequestrum tanquam fructus ecclesie vacantis ratione nonordinationis Stephani de Poynton' rectoris ejusdem , eidem Stephano ad ipsam ecclesiam denuo presentato et instituto , et super hoc scriptum fuit Roberto de Burton' sequestratori quod permitteret dictum Stephanum de dictis fructibus pro suo libito ordinare , et restitueret sibi litteram obligatoriam quam pro eis habuit ab eodem.

[1] This sentence is interlined. [2] * . . . . * interlined.

Absolutio rectoris de sutterby. Note of the absolution of Ralph of Sausthorpe, rector of Sutterby, from a sentence of absolution incurred by his failure to pay seventy marks, due to the executors of the will of the late William of Pirton, within the prescribed time. The executors finally allowed him a longer time in which to pay. He received letters patent testifying to his absolution. London, Old Temple, May 1, 1293.

Memorandum quod Radulphus de Sausthorp' rector ecclesie de Sutterby in sexaginta decem[1] marcis executoribus testamenti quondam Willelmi de Perton' certa de causa dudum sentencialiter condempnatus , et pro eo quod terminis in condempnatione statutis pecuniam hujusmodi non solverat majoris excommunicationis sentencia innodatus , et sic excommunicatus pupplice nunciatus , demum concessis sibi de gracia per executores predictos aliis terminis solutionis , kalendis Maii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio apud Vetus Templum London' de voluntate dictorum executorum fuit a dicta sentencia in forma debita absolutus , et super hoc scriptum fuit officiali archidiaconi Lincoln' quod ipsum denunciaret taliter absolutum in omnibus locis in quibus excommunicatus fuerit nunciatus . Et habuit litteram de absolutione patentem.

Commissio. Commission to Masters William of Thornton and Walter of Malling, canons of Lincoln, to discharge the executors of the will of Sir John de Baylof'. London, Old Temple, May 2, 1293.

Indulgencia. Grant of forty days' indulgence to all who should go to the cross erected in honour of All Saints at Easingwold (Esingwald') in the diocese of York, and to the chapel in honour of the Blessed Virgin in the same place, and pray for the souls of Eleanor the Queen-mother, Eleanor the Queen-consort, Sir John de Vescy, knight, and William called Grivel of Easingwold. London, Old Temple, May 2, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to brothers Gilbert of Easton (Eston') and Walter of Wainfleet (Waynflet'), canons of Stixwould (Stikeswald')[2] and subdeacons, to receive the diaconate from any Catholic bishop at the Whitsun ordinations. London, Old Temple, May 4, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Robert son of William Le Marchaunt of Potterspury *or* Paulerspury (Pyrye) acolyte to receive all holy orders from any English bishop. London, Old Temple, May 5, 1293.

[1] *Sic*, Scalby may have written 'sexaginta' in mistake for 'septuaginta' and corrected it in this way.

[2] *Sic*, but the name must be wrong as this was a house of Cistercian nuns. Possibly a mistake for Sixhills (Sixil).

Commissio ad absolvendum. Commission to the guardian of the Franciscans at Boston to absolve Peter de Cysters', a merchant, from a sentence of excommunication incurred by seizing John the Chaplain of Boston by his hood. London, Old Temple, May 6, 1293.

II nonas Maii anno XIII apud Vetus Templum London' commisit episcopus vices suas . . . . . .[1] gardiano fratrum minorum de sancto Botulpho ad absolvendum in forma juris Petrum de Cysters' mercatorem a sentencia excommunicationis quam incurrit pro eo quod in Johannem Capellanum de sancto Botulpho manus injecit temere violentas , ipsum semel indignationis spiritu per capucium capiendo , necnon penitenciam sibi pro commisso injungendo satisfacto juxta culpe sue exigenciam prius leso.

Commissio. Commission to the official to hear and settle the case between the Prior of Minting (Mintinges) plaintiff and the Archdeacon of Lincoln defendent. London, Old Temple, May 8, 1292.

[*Folio 72v.*]

Deputatio coadjutoris vicario impotenti. Appointment (in his absence) of Master Richard of Harrington (Hetherington'), canon of Lincoln, as coadjutor to Simon vicar of Thornborough (Thornberg'), who was ill. London, Old Temple, May 8, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Simon son of William of Aldwinkle (Aldwyncle) acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, May 9, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to Master William of Langworth (Langwath') canon of Lincoln, and to Master Hugh rector of the mediety of the church of Westborough, to discharge the executors of the will of Gilbert de Solario of Lincoln. London, Old Temple, May 9, 1293.

Datio coadjutoris rectori impotenti. Appointment of Master Alexander of Martinsthorpe (Martinesthorp') rector of Meopham (Mepham) as coadjutor to Master Richard of Needham rector of Burton Coggles (Byrton') who was seriously, and apparently incurably, ill. London, Old Temple, May 12, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to William of Chelveston acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, May 12, 1293.

Liberatio johannis genge. Note of the release and quitclaim of John Genge from all responsibility in the bishop's former manor of East Tilbury (Tylbir'). London, Old Temple, May 12, 1293.

[1] Blank in MS.

INDULGENCIA.[1] Grant of thirty days' indulgence to all who should go to the chapel built in honour of the Blessed Virgin, St. Thomas the Martyr and St. Katherine at Blunsdon in the diocese of Salisbury, and say a Paternoster and an Ave for the soul of Philip of Blunsdon (whose body is buried in the said chapel) and the souls of all the faithful departed, as well as for the peace and tranquillity of the King and kingdom. London, Old Temple, May 12, 1293.

Universis etc . Oliverus etc . Operibus pietatis credimus inherere dum ad orationis devotionem allectivis indulgenciarum muneribus mentes fidelium excitamus . De dei igitur omnipotentis misericordia , beatissime virginis Marie , gloriosi confessoris sancti Hugonis et omnium sanctorum meritis confidentes , omnibus parochianis nostris et aliis quorum diocesani hanc nostram indulgenciam ratam habuerint de peccatorum suorum maculis vere penitentibus et confessis qui ad capellam in honore beate Marie , beati Thome martyris et sancte Katerine virginis apud Bluntesdon' Sar' diocesis erectam causa devotionis accesserint ibique pro anima Philippi de Bluntesdon' cujus corpus in eadem capella ecclesiastice traditur sepulture , et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum , necnon pro pace et tranquillitate regis et regni orationem dominicam cum salutatione virginis gloriose dixerint mente pia XXX dies de injuncta sibi penitencia misericorditer relaxamus . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Vetus Templum London IIII idus Maii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

[NO HEADING.] Mandate to the Archdeacon of Oxford to go and inspect the chapel in Balliol College, and, if he approved of it and if nobody's rights were thereby prejudiced, to allow a chaplain to say Mass in it from the ensuing Whitsun, pending the establishment of a permanent chapel there, in honour of God and St. Katherine, by the Countess of Warwick.[2] London, Old Temple, May 13, 1293.

O. etc. , ...[3] archidiacono Oxon' etc . Cum domina . . . . . .[3] comitissa Warwyk' zelo devotionis accensa quamdam cantariam infra domum scolarium de Balliolo Oxon' in perpetuum habendam ad honorem dei et gloriose virginis Katerine procurare jam conceperit ut accepimus ordinari , sustentationemque unius capellani anno instanti ibidem in aliquo loco pro oratorio ordinando celebraturi donec ordinatio hujusmodi fuerit consummata duxerit concedendum, affectans non modicum ut idem capellanus in hujusmodi loco hac proxima die pentecostis[4] valeat celebrare , nos piis votis dicte domine prout honeste possumus condescendere cupientes , vobis

[1] Drawing, in the margin, of a man's head and hands. He has a long, thin face with whiskers and a straggling beard, and is very slightly cross-eyed. The hands, pointing upwards, have exaggerated forefingers.

[2] Devorguilla de Balliol. [3] Blank in MS. [4] Genders *sic*.

[*Folio 73*] quatinus locum predictum pro oratorio ordinandum visui supponentes , si illum decentem compareritis et honestum , divina in eo die pentecostis predicto[1] celebrari dummodo fieri possit absque juris prejudicio alieni et vobis expediens videatur libere permittatis . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' III idus Maii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Pro amovenda vi layca de thame. Request to the King for the removal of certain laymen who had seized and occupied the church of Thame by force of arms. Newenden, May 15, 1293.[2]

Excellentissimo domino suo domino E. etc . Cum nonnulli viri layci ad villam de Thame nostre diocesis accedentes ecclesiam loci ejusdem temere sint ingressi , ipsam vi et armis occupatam nequiter detinentes quominus officium nostrum spirituale exercere valeamus in ea , excellenciam vestram attentius exoramus quatinus hujusmodi vim laycam et temerariam ob reverenciam sacrosancte ecclesie facere velitis penitus amoveri . Valeat dominatio vestra in domino per tempora longiora . Datum apud Neunton' idibus Junii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

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Quartodecimo kalendas junii , videlicet die sancti dunstani, anno domini m. cc. nonagesimo tertio , incipit annus pontificatus domini oliveri dei gracia lincolnien' episcopi quartodecimus.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to William of Braybrooke acolyte to receive the subdiaconate from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, May 20, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters in the same form granted to Gilbert Maleherb' deacon to receive the priesthood. London, Old Temple, May 20, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters in the same form to Robert Le Cauceys of Bow Brickhill (Bollebrikhille) to receive the priesthood. London, Old Temple, May 20, 1293.

Concessio cantarie in domo scolarium de balliolo. Mandate to the Archdeacon of Oxford to inspect the chapel which the Countess of Warwick had arranged to endow in perpetuity in Balliol College, in honour of God and St. Katherine, and if he found all in order to

[1] Genders *sic.*
[2] Date given as ' idibus Junii ', but the placing in the register and the bishop's itinerary make it clear that this is a slip for ' idibus Maii '.

licence the scholars, in the bishop's name, to have divine service celebrated in it until further notice, provided that the parish church and other neighbouring churches suffered no loss thereby. London, Old Temple, May 22, 1293.

O. permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto in Christo filio archidiacono Oxon' salutem etc . Cum domina . . . . . .[1] comitissa Warwyk' zelo devotionis accensa quamdam cantariam infra domum scolarium de Balliolo Oxon' imperpetuum habendam ad honorem dei et gloriose virginis Katerine procurare jam conceperit ut accepimus ordinari , sustentationemque unius capellani anno instanti ibidem in aliquo loco pro oratorio ordinando celebraturi donec hujusmodi ordinatio fuerit consummata duxerit concedendum , nos devotis dictorum scolarium supplicationibus inclinati , ut dicta domina ad conceptum propositum consummandum ferventius animetur , vobis mandamus quatinus predictum locum visui supponentes , si illum decentem compareritis et honestum et petita concedere videritis expedire , ut dicti scolares divina in eo facere valeant celebrari usque ad nostre beneplacitum voluntatis vice nostra licenciatis eisdem , ita tamen quod nullum per hoc matrici ecclesie et aliis ecclesiis vicinis prejudicium generetur . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London XI kalendas Junii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri quartodecimo.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to John of Boreham Wood (Borham) acolyte to receive all holy orders from the Bishop of Winchester. London, Old Temple, May 22, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, to discharge the executors of the wills of William of Humberstone (Humberstain) and Alexandra wife of John de Haulay of Covenham. London, Old Temple, May 23, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to Master William of Sausthorpe (Sausthorp'), Robert of Burton and Henry rector of Blankney (Blaunckeneye), conjointly or severally, to discharge the executors of the will of Robert de Wympton', late rector of the church of Haugham (Hagham). London, Old Temple, May 27, 1293.

[*Folio 73v.*]

Commissio. Commission to Masters Hugh of Collingham (Colingham) and William of Langworth (Langewath'), canons of Lincoln and to Robert of Burton, or to any two of them, to discharge the executors of the wills of Master Clement of Leake (Lek') and of Alexander, Prior of Frieston (Freston'). London, Old Temple, May 30, 1293.

[1] Blank in MS.

Commissio. To the same, to discharge William of Wigtoft (Wygetoft') and his fellow-executors of the wife of the said William. London, Old Temple, May 30, 1293.

Relaxatio sequestri de catthorpe. Grant to Brunus de Podio of the revenues of the church of Caythorpe, sequestrated because the said Brunus had not been ordained. Theydon Mount, June 5, 1293.

Dispensatio. Dispensation to Matthew vicar of Milton Ernest for having ministered in holy orders while under a sentence of excommunication for contumacy, imposed by the Prior of Latton acting as commissory for the Prior of St. Neot's, judge-delegate of the papacy. Matthew took the cross, promising either to go on crusade at the first opportunity or to pay for a substitute. Theydon Mount, June 5, 1293.

Nonis Junii anno XIIII apud Theydon' dispensavit episcopus auctoritate crucis cum Matheo vicario de Middelton' super eo quod ipse per priorem de Latton' prioris de sancto Neoto judicis a sede apostolica delegati commissarium propter suam contumaciam coram eo contractam majoris excommunicationis sentencia innodatus divinorum celebratione se immiscuit et alias in suis ordinibus ministravit , notam irregularitatis taliter incurrendo , facta fide de absolutione , et imposita sibi pro commissa penitencia salutari , dictoque sibi crucis signaculo , ut in primo generali passagio proficisceretur in subsidium terre sancte , vel pro se virum ydoneum juxta suas mitteret facultates.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to William son of Hugh de Burne of Drayton acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Theydon Mount, June 6, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters in the same form to William son of Robert de Holm' of Kirton in Lindsey (Kirketon' in Lindeseye). London, Old Temple, June 15, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to Master William of Langworth (Langewath') canon of Lincoln to discharge the executors of the will of Master Simon of Ashby (Askeby) clerk. London, Old Temple, June 15, 1293.

Absolutio thome de fakenham coadjutoris vicarii de beknesfeld'. Mandate to the Archdeacon of Buckingham to receive an account from Thomas of Fakenham priest,[1] coadjutor of Geoffrey of ? Harrowden (Haveringdun') the invalid vicar of Beaconsfield, and to release the said Thomas from his obligations if he had fulfilled them properly. London, Old Temple, June 16, 1293.

[1] Previously called Robert. L.R.S. 48, p. 200.

[No heading.][1] Note of an oath of canonical obedience sworn to the bishop by the Prior of Bridlington in respect of the churches of Baumber (Baumberg'), Edenham and Witham-on-the-Hill (Wytham), appropriated to the said priory. London, New[2] Temple, June 16, 1293.

Ratificatio indulgencie. Ratification of all indulgences granted, or to be granted hereafter, by any bishop to those who would pray for the souls of Henry of Bratoft (Braytoft) and Nichola his wife, and of Cecily of Bratoft, whose bodies are buried in the Dominican church at Boston, and likewise for the good estate of Sir William of Bratoft, knight, for his soul after death, and for the souls of all the faithful departed. London, Old Temple, June 17, 1293.

Ordinatio de ambresbir'. Letter patent under the seals of the Bishops of Lincoln and Durham, who had been deputed to appoint a temporary custodian at the priory of Amesbury during a dispute between the Abbess of Fontevrault (represented by Princess Mary, a nun at Amesbury, and by Peter the prior) of the one part, and the Prioress of Amesbury of the other. The bishops approved the appointment of Ida de Gorges the subprioress, to which both parties had agreed. The other documents concerning the dispute had, at the King's command, been recorded in the chancery and the wardrobe. Given under the seals of the Bishops of Lincoln and Durham, London, May 28, 1293.

Per presens scriptum pateat universis quod cum inter abbatissam Fontis Ebraudi , per nobilem dominam , dominam Mariam illustris regis Anglie natam sanctimonialem domus de Ambresbir', et fratrem Petrum prior ejusdem domus habentes ad subscripta sufficientem potestatem ex parte una , et priorissa de Ambresbir' personaliter comparente ex parte altera , super prefatione priorisse in monasterio de Ambresbir' et super quibusdam aliis ad jurisdictionem ejusdem monasterii Fontis Ebraudi spectantibus que eadem abbatissa ad se suo jure pertinere dicebat , predicta priorissa in contrarium asserente , videlicet quod ad conventum ejusdem monasterii de Ambresbir' libera spectat electio priorisse una cum quibusdam aliis ad jurisdictionem ejusdem monasterii spectantibus , mota esset materia [*Folio 74*] questionis , tandem prelatis quibusdam et magnatibus amicis communibus intervenientibus inter predictas partes , ut indempnitati monasterii utriusque prospiciatur , actum est concorditer et concessum quod nominaretur aliqua monialis ydonea ejusdem ordinis cui custodia conventus in religionis observancia committeretur , que monialis ea que ad illam custodiam pertinent faceret et exequeretur donec per viam juris vel ordinationis aut amicabilis compositionis dicta questio terminetur . Quod si in

[1] Drawing of a hand in the margin. [2] *Sic.*

personam talem partes inter se sine alterius intromissione consentirent , bene quidem , sin autem , venerabiles patres domini O. Lincoln' et A. Dunelm' episcopi potestatem haberent monialem hujusmodi nominandi et supradicte custodie deputandi , partibus vero in personam Ide de Gorges tunc supprioriss e inter se convenientibus , dicti patres quoad potestatem sibi traditam eandem duxerunt approbare personam . Cetera autem tractatum habitum super pretacta questionis materia contingentia precepta fuit a domino rege tam in cancellario quam in gardaroba ejus plenius registrari . In cujus rei testimonium nos Lincoln' et Dunelm' episcopi presentibus apponi fecimus signa nostra . Actum et datum London' die Jovis proxima post festum sancti Augustini Anglorum episcopi anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Contra johannem de houby. Letters patent testifying to the fact that John of Hoby, clerk in minor orders, had been presented to the church of Warkton (Werketon') by Bishop Gravesend, and had held the same church, either by himself or by a proxy, ever since that time. Given under the bishop's seal, London, Old Temple, June 21, 1293.

Sentencia generalis. Note of a mandate to the official of the Archdeacon of Oxford to excommunicate, in the church of North Stoke (Stokbasset') and five or six neighbouring churches, all those who had stolen goods belonging to the church of North Stoke when they were sequestrated on account of a vacancy in the said church. London, Old Temple, June 21, 1293.

Indulgencia. Grant of forty days' indulgence to all who should contribute to the fabric fund of the conventual church of Goring (Garing'). To remain valid for three years. Goring, June 26, 1293.

Indulgencia. Letters in the same form on behalf of the conventual church of Marlow. Goring, June 26, 1293.

Sentencia. Note of a mandate to the dean of Henley to excommunicate all those who had infringed the rights and liberties of the conventual church of Goring (Garing'). Dorchester-on-Thames, June 29, 1293.

Berewyk.[1] Letter of the official of the see of Canterbury *sede vacante* citing the bishop to appear before the Court of the Arches on the fifth law-day after the feast of the translation of St. Thomas to answer a complaint by John de Berewyk, a clerk of the King, that the bishop had refused to institute him to the church of Amersham. Stepney, June 21. 1293. The bishop replied that the said John was reputed to be a pluralist without dispensation and that, when cited,

[1] Drawing of a hand in the margin.

he had refused to give any satisfactory explanation either by himself or by proxy. The bishop therefore appealed, by Master Robert of Kilworth his proctor, to the papal curia against the citation of the official of Canterbury, in the presence of Master John Le Fleming, canon of Lincoln, Master John of Cremona, Master Geoffrey de Vezano, Roger of Sixhills and John de Scalleby priests, and John of Bayton, John of Willingham and Robert of Malton clerks. The appeal was formally drawn up by William of Anlaby, notary public. Dorchester-on-Thames, July 2, 1293.

IX kalendas Julii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio apud Wuburn' exhibita fuit episcopo quedam littera sub hac forma : — Venerabili in Christo patri dei gracia episcopo Lincoln', officialis curie Cantuar' a priore et capitulo ecclesie Christi Cantuar' sede vacante constitutus salutem in salutis auctore . Querelam venerabilis viri domini Johannis de Berewyk illustris regis Anglie clerici gravem recepimus continentem quod cum ipse ad ecclesiam de Agmundesham de jure et de facto vacantem per verum ejusdem ecclesie patronum vobis loci diocesano fuisset canonice presentatus , inquisitione que juxta presentationem hujusmodi ad mandatum vestrum sollempniter et debito modo facta ad plenum pro ipso faceret[1] presentato , vos ipsum ad ipsam ecclesiam in forma juris admittere et ulterius sibi justiciam facere in hac parte non curastis , immo recusastis omnino , licet per partem ejusdem clerici essetis super hiis congrue et humiliter requisiti , propter quod ad nos accedens sibi petiit super hiis salubri remedio subveniri . Nolentes igitur in sua deesse justicia sicuti nec debemus , paternitatem vestram cum ea qua decet reverencia monemus et in virtute obediencie qua sedi Cantuar' tenemini vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus presentatum predictum infra octo dies a tempore receptionis presentium *ad ipsam ecclesiam admittatis , facientes ulterius quod incumbit , alioquin tenore presentium*[2] peremptorie vos citamus quod coram nobis vel commissario nostro compareatis in ecclesia beate Marie de Arcubus London' quinto die juridico post festum translationis beati Thome martiris , precise et peremptorie propositurí et ostensuri si quod habeatis canonicum quare eundem clericum ad prefatam ecclesiam in vestri defectu admittere et cetera que huic negotio conveniunt peragere minime debeamus , processuri insuper [*Folio 74v*] in negotio memorato cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum usque ad finalem decisionem ipsius juxta juris exigencia et ejusdem negotii qualitatem , presertim cum ecclesia parochialis predicta pastoris solacio diu carere non valeat absque gravi periculo animarum . Inhibemus insuper vobis et per vos ceteris omnibus et singulis[3] quibus jus exigit inhiberi ne pendente in curia Cantuar' hujusmodi causa querele quicquam hac actione per vos vel per alium attemptatis in partis prejudicium querelantis , quominus liberam

[1] *Sic.* [2] * . . . . * interlined in the margin. [3] ' et singulis ' interlined.

habeat sue querele prosecutionem prout justum fuerit antedicte . De die vero receptionis presentium et quid in premissis feceritis nos vel commissarium nostrum dictis die et loco distincte et aperte certificare curetis per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem continentes . Datum apud Stebenheth' die dominica proxima ante festum nativitatis beati Johannis Baptiste , anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio . — Exhibens vero hujusmodi litteram petiit quod episcopus certificaret officialem curie Cantuar' super hujusmodi mandato , et invocans testimonium Ade de Lindeseye notarii pupplici secum venientis , necnon et astantium tunc episcopo super dicte littere traditione et certificatorii recitatione nulla alia[1] petitione facta[1] recessit . Episcopus autem videns hujusmodi mandatum sibi et jurisdictioni sue episcopali esse injuriosum VI nonas Julii anno predicto apud Dork' ab eodem mandato appellavit et provocavit sub hac forma : — In dei nomine amen . Cum nuper dominus officialis curie Cantuar' sede vacante nobis Olivero permissione divina Lincoln' episcopo litteras suas direxerit sub hac forma : — Venerabili , etc . ut supra , — nos attendentes quod idem officialis in hac causa que libelli oblationem et ordinem judiciorum requirit per citationem hujusmodi peremptoriam dilationes et defensiones nostras legitimas et jus nostrum quantum in ipso est nobis auferre nititur , cum libello non oblato in primo citationis edicto ad peremptorie proponendum certo die coram eo vel suo commissario et ostendendum si quid habeamus canonicum quare eundem dominum Johannem ad prefatam ecclesiam in nostri defectum , de quo nullo modo constat , admittere et cetera que huic negotio conveniunt peragere minime debeat , injuriose nimis nos arcet , ut est dictum , nisi ipsum dominum Johannem notorie plura beneficia ecclesiastica curam animarum annexam habentia de facto absque dispensatione legitima de qua sciatur tenere constat , infra octo dies ut premittitur ad dictam ecclesiam de Agmundesham admittamus , licet idem dominus Johannes nunquam a tempore presentationis sue ad dictam ecclesiam nobis facte personaliter seu a tempore exhibitionis dictarum litterarum aliqualiter coram nobis comparere curavit seu se admitti ad dictam ecclesiam petierit quoquomodo . Suusque procurator ante dictarum litterarum exhibitionem ad nos accedens hac de causa , per nos de numera beneficiorum dicti domini Johannis que tenet cum cura animarum de facto , ac modo retentionis eorundem , quorum multa sibi specialiter designavimus , sepius requisitus , nobis super hiis respondere non curans quasi derisorie nobis responderit quod ad respondendum nostris questionibus missus non fuerat in hac casu, nec super optentis per dictum dominum Johannem beneficiis dispensationem aliquam coram nobis exhibere curavit , sed nec ad illam dispensationem exhibendum dilationem ad voluntatem suam per nos sibi oblatam volebat recipere , sentientesque nos et ecclesiam nostram Lincoln' per

[1] Interlined.

prefatum officialem Cantuar' qui nostram jurisdictionem episcopalem nobis auferre nititur in hac parte , necnon et mandatum suum injuriosum predictum indebite pregravari , ab ipso officiali ejusque mandato prescripto ac omnibus gravaminibus in eodem contentis sacrosanctam sedem apostolicam in hiis scriptis appellamus et apostolos si quis sit qui eos nobis dare possit petimus . Et ne idem officialis seu quivis alius vice et auctoritate sua aut alius quicumque auctoritate dicte curie Cantuar' nobis negligenciam imponens cum negligentes non simus in hoc facto , eo quod procuratorem dicti domini J. repetitis vicibus obtulimus cum effectu quod ipsum in forma juris ad dictam ecclesiam admitteremus , ad quod etiam nos adhuc offerimus omnino paratos , memoratum Johannem ad prefatam ecclesiam admittat seu in nostri aut jurisdictionis nostre episcopalis prejudicium suspendendo , excommunicando , interdicando , denunciando seu quicquam aliquid faciendo ordinet , statuat seu diffinat modo quovis , dictam sedem ut prius provocamus et appellamus , protestantes nos velle istam appellationem coram dicto officiali innovare , et ab eo apostolos petere cum ipsius copiam habere poterimus oportune . Subicientes nos etiam , nostram Lincoln' ecclesiam et omnia bona nostra et jurisdictionem nostram episcopalem et jura nostra et ecclesie nostre predicte ac omnes nobis adherentes protectioni et tuitioni sedis apostolice supradicte . Facta fuit ista appellatio die et loco predictis per magistrum Robertum de Kivelingwrth' canonicum Lincoln' in cujus ore episcopus posuit verba sua , presentibus magistro Johanne le Flemeng' canonico Lincoln' , magistro Johanne de Cremon' clerico , magistro Gifredi[1] de Vezano , Rogero de Sixil' , Johanne de Scalleby presbiteris , Johanne de Bayton' , Johanne de Wyvelingham et Roberto de Malton' clericis ad hoc vocatis testibus et rogatis , necnon presente Willelmo de Anlauby pupplico notario qui[2] rogatus fuit super appellatione hujusmodi facere publicum[1] instrumentum.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Robert of Upton clerk to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Dorchester-on-Thames, July 3, 1293.

Littera abbatis et conventus de abbendon' pro alicia filia radulphi golding' de newenham. Inspeximus, with express approval by the bishop, at the instance of Maynard rector of Nuneham Courtney, of letters patent, dated at Abingdon, July 11, 1286, in which the Abbot and convent of Abingdon ratified the grant of lands pertaining to the church of Nuneham Courtney, which grant had been made by Master Peter of Lockinge (immediate predecessor of the said Maynard as rector) to Alice daughter of Ralph Golding'. Given under the bishop's seal at Dorchester-on-Thames, July 3, 1293.

[1] *Sic.* [2] Interlined.

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes littere pervenerint Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus [*Folio 75*] salutem in domino sempiteruam . Litteras religiosorum vivorum *abbatis et conventus*[1] Abbendon' nuper inspeximus sub hac forma : — Noverint universi et singuli presens scriptum visuri vel audituri quod nos Ricardus dei gracia abbas Abbendon' et ejusdem loci conventus pro nobis et successoribus nostris donationem et concessionem quam magister Petrus de Laking' rector ecclesie de Nyweham fecit Alicie filie Radulphi Golding' de eadem et heredibus suis et suis assignatis de quodam tenemento pertinente ad ecclesiam de Nyweham cum quadam crofta et virgulto prout in carta ejusdem magistri Petri eidem Alicie super hoc confecta continetur ratam habemus et habituri sumus imperpetuum . In cujus rei testimonium sigilla nostra presenti scripto sunt appensa . Datum apud Abbendon' in capitulo nostro die translationis sancti Benedicti anno domini M. CC. octogesimo sexto . — Nos vero ad instanciam domini Maynardi nunc rectoris ecclesie de Nyweham predicte memorato magistro Petro immediate succedentis in ea ac asserentis predicti tenementi cum crofta et virgulto annui census quem eadem ecclesia perceptura est de eisdem magis cedere ad utilitatem ipsius ecclesie quam ad dampnum , eidem alienationi quantum in nobis est et in utilitatem cedit ecclesie nostrum prebemus assensum . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Dork' V nonas Julii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Ratificatio. Ratification of all indulgences granted, or to be granted hereafter, to those who should pray for the soul of Thomas of Blewbury (Blebur') clerk, whose body is buried near St. Frideswide's window in the conventual church of St. Frideswide, Oxford, and for all the faithful departed. Dorchester-on-Thames, July 3, 1293.

Pro rectore de camelton'. Mandate to the Dean of Shefford and to John rector of Cockayne Hatley to investigate a complaint made by John of Higham, rector of Campton, that his predecessor's executors were threatening to take the corn growing on the lands of the parsonage (which, according to the complaint, should rightfully belong to the new incumbent). The Dean and the rector aforesaid were to settle the dispute and assign the corn to its proper owner. Notley, July 5, 1293.

O. permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto in Christo filio . . . . . .[2] decano de Schefford' et domino Johanni rectori ecclesie de Hattele salutem etc . Johannes de Heygham rector ecclesie de Camelton' nobis conquerendo suggessit quod executores predecessoris sui in eadem ecclesia blada in terra ad ipsam ecclesiam spectante

[1] * . . . . * interlined in the margin. [2] Blank in MS.

crescentia quam coli fecit et seminari dum vixit , cum tempus occurrerit metere et asportare minantur , licet consuetudo in illis partibus fuit approbata ut fructus terrarum hujusmodi a decedentibus rectoribus ante pascham seminatarum defuncti remaneant successori , sumptibus et expensis circa agriculturam et seminationem factis ejusdem defuncti executoribus restitutis . Nos vero predictis rectori de Camelton' et sui predecessoris executoribus volentes fieri equitatem vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus presentibus partibus nec per contumaciam absentibus super predicta consuetudine inquiratis diligentius veritatem , et si inveneritis eam talem qualis suggeritur a memorato rectore , faciatis ipsum dictorum bladorum seu fructuum profita perceptione gaudere , dum tamen idem rector de sumptibus factis circa agriculturam ut predicitur prefatis executoribus satisfaciat competenter , vel si contentio inter dictum rectorem et executores aliquamdiu sit duratura prefata blada colligi et sub arta custodiri faciatis sequestro donec de jure partis discussum fuerit utriusque . Si autem consuetudo defuncto dederit in solidum blada que sevit , executores sui de predictis bladis et fructibus libere disponere permittatis . In quibus omnibus et singulis vobis conjunctim committimus vices nostras . Datum apud Nuttele , III nonas Julii , anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri quartodecimo.

[No heading.] Mandate to Master Thomas of Sutton, prebendary of Thame, to inspect the wooden chapel which the people of Sydenham had erected in place of their ruined church, and, if he found it suitable, to allow divine service to be celebrated there until the church was restored. Osney, July 10, 1293.

O. etc. , magistro Thome de Sutton' prebendario de Tham' salutem etc . Cum ecclesia seu capella de Sydenham ab ecclesia vestra de Tham' dependens diruta sit ut reedificetur seu reparetur de novo , ac habitatores ejusdem ville de Sydenham quamdam capellam erexerint ligneam in qua divina valeant celebrari quonsque opus ecclesie inceptum fuerit consummatum , ad instanciam habitatorum predictorum vobis mandamus quatinus dictam capellam ligneam per vos vel per alium visitantes , si eam decentem compareritis et honestam , nullumque in hac parte legitimum impedimentum obstare , in ea celebrari divina medio tempore permittatis . Datum apud Osneiam VI idus Julii pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

[*Folio 75v.*]

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Peter of Romney (Romeny) acolyte to receive all holy orders from the Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry or his delegate. Osney, July 10, 1293.[1]

[1] The date given, 'VI kalendas Julii' is wrong, because Sutton was then at Goring. 'Kalendas' is a slip for 'idus'.

Dimissorie. Letters in the same form to John and William, sons of Simon son of John of Kelmarsh (Keylemers) living in Cransley (Cranesle), clerks, to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Osney, July 10, 1293.

Commissio magisterii domus de stodeleye. Note of the appointment of Warner vicar of Hanslope (Hamslap') as master of Studley Priory. He received letters patent in the same form as those granted to the master of Harrold (Harewold').[1] Osney, July 9, 1293.

Pro scolaribus de balliolo oxon' innovata littera prius concessa. Copy of the letters patent issued by the bishop to confirm the foundation, by Devorguilla widow of John de Balliol, of a house of scholars in Oxford, in honour of God and the Blessed Virgin and St. Katherine, and for the souls of John de Balliol her husband, herself, and their predecessors and successors. Originally granted at Liddington, June 13, 1284,[2] and apparently copied here as a preliminary to the following entry, which deals with the foundation of a chapel in the college.

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes littere pervenerint Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus salutem in domino . Cum nobilis mulier deoque devota Devorguilla de Galewyth' domina de Balliolo ad honorem et laudem summe et individue Trinitatis , gloriose virginis Marie genetricis unici filii dei , beate virginis et martyris Katerine et totius curie celestis , et ad utilitatem totius ecclesie militantis et stabilimentum universitatis Oxon' , pro anima nobilis viri pie recordationis domini Johanni de Balliolo quondam sponsi sui et animabus omnium predecessorum ac pro salute propria omniumque successorum suorum locum quemdam cum edificiis et omnibus pertinenciis , quem domum scolarium de Balliolo censuit nuncupandum , in nostra diocese apud Oxon' ubi viget studium generale , de novo ordinaverit , eosque philosophiam audire decreverit et quousque in artibus cessaverint inibi commorari , ex quibus multi moribus et sciencia prediti exeuntes in religione et alibi magnum fructus cumulum produxerunt et adhuc majorem domino concedente producent , locum predictum seu domum terris , possessionibus ac variis proventibus in tantum pia devotione dotaverit atque ditaverit quod studentes inibi imperpetuum congrue poterunt sustentari , sitque nostri debitum officii caritatis et pietatis opera comprobare , precipue que divine laudis ampliationem , curie celestis venerationem , totius ecclesie militantis exaltationem ac universitatis predicte fulcimentum respiciunt et honorem , nos dicte nobilis domine devotionem in domino commendantes status dictorum magistri et scolarium loci predicti seu

[1] P. 41.
[2] The memoranda roll for this year is lost.

domus perpetuationem cum terris , possessionibus et rebus aliis eidem domui appropriatis seu appropriandis imposterum ratam habentes et gratam , ipsam approbamus et tenore presentium confirmamus , eidemque stabilitatis et firmitatis perpetue quantum ad nos pertinet robur plenissimum impartimur , *salvis episcopali auctoritate et Lincoln' ecclesie dignitate .*[1] In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Lydington' idus Junii anno domini M. CC. octogesimo quarto.

Cantaria eisdem scolaribus concessa que fuit postmodum revocata et alia forma exivit que est in folio subsequenti.[2] To the Master and scholars of Balliol, granting them the right to have a private chapel, subject to the usual conditions, so that their studies might not be interrupted by the need to go to their parish church. Osney, July 11, 1293.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis magistro et scolaribus domus de Balliolo in Oxon' salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Considerantes fructus multiplices qui ex vestro laudabili studio hactenus provenerunt et in futurum sperantur deo auspice proventuri , quietem quam possumus vobis cupimus providere . Cum igitur lectionum et disputationum occupationibus impediti parochialem ecclesiam infra cujus parochiam domus vestra predicta consistit pro divinis audiendis etiam congruis temporibus adire ut pretenditis sepius nequeatis , nos vestris supplicationibus favorabiliter inclinati , ut in oratorio infra domum vestram prefatam constructo , dum tamen decens fuit et honestum , divina vobis et familie vestre per sacerdotem sumptibus vestris propriis [*Folio 76*] exhibendum faciatis licite celebrari licenciam vobis concedimus per presentes , ita tamen quod nullimoda sacramenta ecclesiastica in dicto oratorio ministrentur , et quoad oblationes in eo faciendas obventiones ac alia jura consimilia nullum matrici ecclesie predicte prejudicium generetur . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Osen' V idus Julii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Pro rectore ecclesie de dacheth'. Mandate to the official of the Archdeacon of Buckingham to excommunicate, in the church of Datchet and three or four neighbouring churches, all those who tried to prevent tithes being paid to the Rector of Datchet, and to enforce justice upon any such persons whom he could find. Osney, July 9, 1293.

O. etc . dilecto in Christo filio . . . . . .[3] officiali . . . . . .[3] archidiaconi Buck' salutem etc . Cum auferentes ecclesiis sua jura et earundem libertates per maliciam infringentes ac sine fractione contentiose

[1] * . . . . * interlined. [2] See p. 97. [3] Blank in MS.

turbantes sint sacrorum constitutionum auctoritate majoris excommunicationis sentencia innodati , quod non solum de libertatibus generalibus universalis ecclesie set[1] de singularibus ecclesie cujuscumque intelligendum existit , vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes quatinus omnes illos qui ecclesiam de Dachet quantum ad decimas infra limites ecclesie predicte provenientes eidem ecclesie de jure debitas , quasque rectores ipsius ecclesie pacifice percipere consueverunt suo jure maliciose privare vel circa liberam perceptionem decimarum earundem aut alio modo libertates ipsius ecclesie injuste infringere seu contentiose perturbare presumunt in dictam excommunicationis sentenciam incidisse et excommunicatos esse in ecclesia predicta de Dachet' et tribus vel quatuor ecclesiis vicinis[2] tribus diebus dominicis et festivis intra missarum solempnia , cum per rectorem prefate ecclesie fueritis requisiti , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , solempniter et pupplice per vos seu alios in genere nuncietis . Et se quos tales compareritis prefato rectori exhibeatis de ipsis celeris justicie complementum . Valete . Datum apud Oseney VII idus Julii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Absolutio johannis de esschedon' rectoris ecclesie de clonarny miden' diocesis in hibernia. Letters patent under the bishop's seal announcing the absolution of John de Esschedon'[3] , of the diocese of Lincoln, rector of Clonarny in the diocese of Meath, from a sentence of excommunication which he had incurred by attending lectures on civil law at Oxford after being ordained to the priesthood. Osney, July 10, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to Master Henry of Benniworth (Benigwurth'), canon of Lincoln and Master Peter of Medbourne (Medeburn'), D.C.L., conjointly or severally, to hear and settle the dispute between Hugh Le Ironmonger of Oxford and Emma his wife, of the one part, and William rector of St. Ebbe's, Hugh rector of St. Michael's at the North Gate (both of Oxford) and John of Kettering, executors of the will of the late Stephen Apparitor of Oxford, of the other. Eynsham, July 11, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to the Archdeacon of Oxford to hear and settle the dispute between Master Henry of Benniworth (Benigwurth') canon of Lincoln, of the one part, and Master Roger of Fleet (Flete) D.C.L., of the other. Eynsham, July 13, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to John of the Mill (de Molendino) of Duns Tew (Dunestywe) acolyte to receive all holy orders from any English bishop. Eynsham, July 13, 1293.

[1] *Sic.* [2] Interlined.
[3] The modern form of this name might be either ' Ashdon ' or ' Ashdown '.

SECUNDA LITTERA CONCESSIONIS SCOLARIBUS DE BALLIOLO. Repetition of the letter to the Master and scholars of Balliol, granting them the right to have a private chapel during the bishop's pleasure. The rights of the parish church and of the Abbot and convent of Osney (patrons of the said church) are fully protected. Given under the bishop's seal, Eynsham, July 13, 1293.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis magistro et scolaribus domus de Balliolo in Oxon' salutem . graciam et benedictionem . Considerantes fructus multiplices qui ex vestro laudabili studio hactenus provenerunt et in futurum sperantur deo auspice proventuri , quietem quam possumus vobis cupimus providere . Cum igitur lectionum et disputationum occupationibus impediti parochialem ecclesiam infra cujus parochiam domus vestra predicta consistit pro divinis audiendis adire ut pretendatis sepius nequeatis , nos vestris supplicationibus favorabiliter [*Folio 76v*] inclinati ut in oratorio infra domum vestram prefatam[1] constructo , dum tamen decens fuerit et honestum , divina vobis et familie vestre per sacerdotem sumptibus vestris propriis exhibendum faciatis licite celebrari , licenciam vobis concedimus per presentes , ita tamen quod nullimoda sacramenta ecclesiastica in dicto oratorio ministrentur , et quoad oblationes in eo faciendas , obventiones et alia jura consimilia nullum matrici ecclesie predicte prejudicium generetur , quodque ut honor debitus eidem ecclesie servetur in majoribus anni solempnitatibus visitetis[1] prout alii scolares suas ecclesias parochiales visitare tenentur , et quilibet capellanus in dicto oratorio vobis ministratur de indempnitate ejusdem ecclesie in presencia . . . . . .[2] abbatis et conventus Oseneye ipsam in usus proprios possidentium seu ipsius ecclesie vicarii prestet ad sancta dei ewangelia juramentum . Que omnia et singula sub pena revocationis hujusmodi gracie nostre a vobis volumus observari . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Eynesham III idus Julii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

COMMISSIO. Commission to Master Henry of Benniworth (Benigwurth') D.C.L. canon of Lincoln and Master Peter of Medbourne (Medeburn') D.C.L. to hear and settle the dispute between the Abbot and convent of Osney, of the one part, and Hugh rector of St. Clement's beyond the little bridge at Oxford, of the other, concerning certain tithes from lands in the parish of St. Clement's, which the said Abbot and convent claimed as being due to the chapel of St. George in Oxford castle, which was appropriated to them. Eynsham, July 13, 1293.

Oliverus , etc . magistris Henrico de Benigwurth' canonico Lincoln' et Petro de Medeburn' juris canonici professoribus salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Cum inter religiosos viros . . . . .[2] abbatem et

[1] Interlined. [2] Blank in MS.

conventum de Osneia ex parte una et Hugonem rectorem ecclesie sancti Clementis ultra parvum pontem Oxon' ex altera super quibusdam decimis provenientibus de terris Templariorum Saumford' , terris Ricardi Le Sumonur que fuerunt quondam Nicholai But et terris Roberti de Brachele[1] que fuerunt quondam Willelmi Fabri , ac de terra Henrici Le Tanner et Sarre La Marescall' , necnon de terra Henrici Le Sclatter et de buttis super Huscote infra limites parochie ecclesie predicte consistentibus contentio sit suborta , prefatis religiosis decimas hujusmodi ad se ratione capelle sancti Georgii in castro Oxon' eis appropriate distinctius ut dicunt per feoda limitibus parochie memorate , dictoque rectore eas ad se de jure communi tanquam infra limites sue parochie non distincte per feoda ut dicit consistentes , asserentibus pertinere debere , nos contentionem hujusmodi pro quiete dictorum subditorum nostrorum sedare breviori via qua possumus cupientes , maxime cum dictus abbas quantum in ipso est , et dictus rector pro se vie hujusmodi per nos ordinande consenserint coram nobis , vobis mandamus quatinus vocatis coram vobis partibus supradictis , terras predictas visui supponentes , et de jure partis utriusque in dictis decimis et aliis super quibus ratione dicte ecclesie et dissensio inter eas quatenus ad forum spectat ecclesiasticum per viros fidedignos et juratos producendos utrimque si de earundem partium consensu processerit inquirentes , contentioni hujusmodi finem debitum imponatis , facientes quod decreveritis per censuram ecclesiasticam firmiter observari . In quibus omnibus et singulis vobis vices nostras committimus cum cohercionis canonice potestate . Valete . Datum apud Eynesham III idus Julii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Pro . . . . . .[2] rectore capelle de swynesheved'. Mandate to the sequestrator, or his representative in the deanery of Holland, to deliver to Master Reginald of Wakerley, rector of the chapel of Swineshead, certain books which Richard the last rector had given to the said chapel, and which, since he had died intestate, had been sequestrated along with his other goods. If the sequestrator had any valid objection to doing this he was to wait for the bishop's arrival. Note that the gift was proved by witnesses before the bishop's commissary, the vicar of Gretton. Banbury, July 16, 1293.

O. etc. , dilecto in Christo filio . . . . . .[2] sequestratori nostro seu ejus locum tenenti in decanatu Hoyland' salutem etc . Quia magister Reginaldus de Wakerle rector capelle de Swynesheved' sufficienter probavit Ricardum proximum predecessorem suum in dicta capella quosdam libros , scilicet unum missale , unum gradale[3] unum antiphonarum , unum manuale[4] et unum breviarium , ac quosdam quaternos de una legenda prefate capelle contulisse dum vixit ,

[1] Brackley. [2] Blank in MS. [3] *Sic.* [4] These two words are interlined.

vobis mandamus quatinus si hujusmodi libri inter cetera bona dicti Ricardi tanquam intestati defuncti penes vos ut dictus magister Reginaldus asserit resideant sequestrati , ipsi magistro Reginaldo liberetis eosdem nisi ex aliqua justa causa que nos latet adventum nostrum ad partes vestras decreveritis expectandum . Datum apud Bannebyr' XVII kalendas Augusti pontificatus nostri anno XIIII . Et est sciendum quod dictus magister Reginaldus probavit per [*Folio 77*] testes collationem librorum predictorum coram vicario de Gretton' ex commissione episcopi.

Pro executoribus rectoris de hanewrth'. Mandate to the sequestrator or his representative in the deanery of Longoboby to allow the executors of the will of Master Hugh late rector of Potter Hanworth to claim the tithe of hay, due because the said rector had died after Easter. Banbury, July 18, 1293.

Sentencia generalis. Mandate to the Dean of Bicester to excommunicate all those who had infringed the rights and liberties of the church of Souldern (Sulthorn'), preventing the rector from collecting his tithes, and to cite any whose names were known to appear before the bishop. Banbury, July 21, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to William of Little Tew (Parva Tywe) acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Daventry, July 22, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters in the same form to Walter Gurdeth' of Wellingborough (Wendelingburg') acolyte. Daventry, July 23, 1293.

Procuratorium episcopi in causa de berewyk'.[1] Appointment, by letters patent under the bishop's seal and in the regular form, of Master Robert of Kilworth (Kyvelingwurth') canon of Lincoln, John of Kilworth (Kevelingwurth') and John de Mortival (Martivallis) as proctors to represent the bishop, conjointly or severally, before the Official of Canterbury in the dispute over the presentation of John de Berewyk to the church of Amersham (Agmundesham). July 22, 1293.

Camelton'. Mandate to Sir Henry rector of Meppershall and to Master Hugh rector of Gravenhurst or either of them to act with the Dean of Shefford in settling the dispute between John of Higham, rector of Campton, of the one part, and the executors of his predecessor, of the other, concerning the ownership of the corn on the glebe lands. A former inquisition, made by the Dean of Shefford

[1] Drawing, in the margin, of a hand with a crozier.

and the rector of Cockayne Hatley, had been unsuccessful owing to the subterfuges of the rector of Campton, and the rector of Cockayne Hatley was said to be too busy to hold another. Leicester, July 26, 1293.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis domino Henrico de Mepertishale ac magistro Hugoni de Gravenhirst ecclesiarum rectoribus salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Johanne de Heygham rectore ecclesie de Camelton' nobis nuper conquerendo monstravit quod . . . . . .[1] executores predecessoris sui in eadem ecclesia blada [*Folio 77v*] in terra ad ipsam ecclesiam spectante crescentia quam coli fecit et seminari dum vixit , cum tempus occurrerit metere et asportare minantur licet consuetudo in illis partibus fuerit approbata ut fructus terrarum hujusmodi a decedentibus rectoribus ante pascham seminatarum defuncti remaneant successori , sumptibus et expensis circa agriculturam et seminationem factas ejusdem defuncti executoribus restitutis , nos predictis rectori de Camelton' et sui predecessoris executoribus volentes fieri equitatem decano de Schefford' et Johanni rectori ecclesie de Hattele dedimus in mandatis quod presentibus nec per contumaciam absentibus super predicta consuetudine inquirerent diligencius veritatem , et si invenirent talem qualis suggerebatur a memorato rectore facerent ipsum dictorum bladuum seu fructuum pacifica possessione gaudere , dum tamen idem rector de sumptibus factis circa agriculturam ut predicitur prefatis executoribus satisfaceret competenter , vel si contentio inter dictos rectorem et executores foret aliquamdui duratura , prefata blada colligi et sub arto custodiri facerent sequestro donec de jure partis foret utriusque discussum , quod si consuetudo defuncto daret in solidum blada que sevit executores suos libere disponere permitterent de bladis et fructibus antedictis , in quibus omnibus et singulis ipsis commisimus vices nostras . Verumque ex parte executorum didicimus predictorum , licet decanus et collega suus predicti essent ad inquirendum super consuetudine memorata parati[2] , propter subterfugia dicti rectoris de Camelton' inquisitio hujusmodi non processit , dictusque rector de Hattele huic negotio intendere nequeat variis occupationibus ut dicitur prepeditus , vos si est ita loco ejusdem prefato decano in premissorum executione tenore presentium subrogamus , mandantes quatinus id quod juxta inventa per inquisitionem vestram decreveritis in hac parte faciatis per censuram ecclesiasticam firmiter observari . Quod si non ambo hiis interfueritis exequendis unus vestrum cum dicto decano , cujus commissionem revocare nolumus per presentes , presentibus partibus vel absentibus dum tamen legitime vocatis ea nichilominus exequatur . Datum apud Leyc' VII kalendas Augusti anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri XIIII.

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Commissio. Commission to the official of the Archdeacon of Leicester and to William, vicar of the church of St. Nicholas in Leicester , to discharge the executors of the wills of Ralph rector of Walton, Ralph called ' of Grantham ' (Graham') of Melton, and Peter FitzRoger (filius Rogeri) lord of Glenfield (Clenefeld'). Leicester, July 26, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Richard Randolf of Wigston (Wykingeston') acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Leicester, July 27, 1293.

Pro johanne filio reginaldi le coverour de leyc' presbitero. Licence to John son of Reginald Le Coverour of Leicester, priest, to whom a dispensation had already been granted for being ordained without letters dimissory, to celebrate Mass for one year from the ensuing Michaelmas without cure of souls. Liddington, July 30, 1293.

Dispensatio. Dispensation for bastardy granted to Peter de Eston'[1] acolyte. Liddington, August 1, 1293.

Ratificatio. Ratification of all indulgences granted by the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry to those who should pray for the soul of Nicholas Wykewan', clerk, whose body is buried in the Franciscan church at Oxford. Liddington, August 2, 1293.

Ratificatio. Ratification of all indulgences granted by the Bishops of Hereford, Rochester, Bangor, Dunblane and S. Asaph to all those who should visit the church of Bringhurst (Brenninghurst') and say there a Paternoster and an Ave for the soul of Sarah Albe of Drayton whose body is buried in the said church. Liddington, August 2, 1293.

[*Folio 78.*]

Sentencia generalis. Mandate to the Dean of Gartree to excommunicate all those infringing the rights and liberties of the church of Stockerston (Stokfaston') or preventing the rector from collecting his tithes. Liddington, August 4, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to the Dean of Aveland and to Master William of Kelham (Kelum) rector of Harby to discharge Robert Huwet of Walton and his fellow-executors of the will of Alice his wife. Waltham, August 6, 1293.

Commissio magisterii de cotum. Commission to Walter of Skegness, priest and canon of Nun Coton, of the office of master of

[1] The modern form might be either ' Easton ' or ' Aston '.

the said house, at the express desire of the prioress and convent, whose letter, dated at Nun Coton on August 8, 1293, is given in full. The vacancy was caused by the death of another Walter. Walter of Skegness swore canonical obedience and received his commission at Stow Park, August 9, 1293.

Memorandum quod defuncto fratre Waltero magistro domus de Cotum , priorissa et conventus loci ejusdem fratrem Walterum de Skegnes ad officium magistri in eadem domo episcopo nominarunt per litteram sub hac forma : — Reverendissimo patri suo in Christo domino Olivero dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo devote ancille sue . . . . .[1] priorissa domus monialium de Cotum et ejusdem loci conventus salutem et tam devotam quam debitam obedienciam cum reverencia et honore . Quia frater Walterus nuper magister domus nostre , vocante eum domino , proh dolor debitum nature persolvit , nosque loco ipsius , defuncti in carne set[2] pie ut creditur in Christo viventis , adjutorio gubernatoris qui continuare valeat quod idem utiliter inchoavit immo plura laudabiliter consummavit non mediocriter indigemus , nos in fratrem Walterum de Skegnes canonicum domus nostre virum morigeratum et in agendis nostris multipliciter expertum unanimiter consentientes eundem ad curam et officium magistri domus nostre vestre paternitati duximus nominandum , humiliter rogantes quatinus ipsum ad officium pretactum sine difficultate qualibet admittere dignemini prout hactenus fieri consuevit in hac casu . Valeat vestra reverenda paternitas per tempora longiora . Datum in capitulo nostro apud Cotum die Sabbati proxima ante festum sancti Laurencii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio : — Episcopus vero personam nominatam acceptans deputavit eum magistrum dicte domus , sub forma contenta in littera subsequenti cujus est talis tenor : — Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto in Christo filio fratri Waltero de Skegnes canonico domus monialium de Cotum nostre diocesis presbitero salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Curam et sollicitudinem domus de Cotum predicte et omnium pertinencium ad eandem quantum ad officium magistri pertinet secundum morem preteriti temporis in domo eadem tibi per . . . . . .[1] priorissam et conventum loci predicti nobis ad hujusmodi officium nominato committimus per presentes , eisdem priorisse et conventui tenore presentium injungentes ut tibi tanquam magistro decetero plenius obediant et intendant . Datum apud Parcum Stowe V idus Augusti anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio . Dictus autem Walterus juravit episcopo et officialibus suis canonicam obedienciam in forma consueta.

Commissio. Commission to the official of the Archdeacon of Stow and the vicar of Hackthorn (Hakthorn') to discharge the executors

[1] Blank in MS. [2] *Sic.*

of the will of Alice wife of Henry of Horkstow (Horkstowe). Stow Park, August 11, 1293.

Reconciliatio. Commission to the Prior of Kyme to reconcile the church of Scot Willoughby (Scotwylgby) which had been desecrated by bloodshed. Stow Park, August 12, 1293.

[*Folio 78v.*]

Commissio. Commission to Masters William of Langworth (Langewath') and Hugh of Collingham (Colingham) canons of Lincoln, and to Robert of Burton sequestrator, conjointly or severally, to discharge William of Wigtoft (Wyggetoft') and his fellow-executors of the will of Sarah his wife. Lincoln, August 15, 1293.

Pro rectore de camelton'. To the Dean of Shefford and the rectors of Meppershall and Gravenhurst, explaining that John of Higham, rector of Campton, was not to be considered as having incurred the sentence of excommunication pronounced by the said dean and rectors against all who had broken the local custom in regard to the disposal of corn on the glebe lands, and reserving any further dispute about the said corn (which was to be sequestrated until further notice) to the bishop himself. Lincoln, August 15, 1293.

O. etc. , decano de Schefford' ac de Meperteshale et de Gravenhirst' ecclesiarum rectoribus salutem etc . Johanne de Heygham rectore ecclesie de Camelton' intelleximus exponente quod vos ad mandatum nostrum super consuetudine in decanatu de Schefford' observata super fructibus terrarum ad ecclesias pertinencium et a decedentibus rectoribus ante Pascham seminatarum , utrum scilicet fructus tales ad hujusmodi rectores vel ipsorum successores pertinere debeant , inquirentes , et per inquisitionem vestram invenientes quod iidem fructus spectant de dicta consuetudine ad defunctum , fructus terrarum ad ecclesiam de Camelton' spectantium predecessori dicti Johannis pretextu dicte consuetudinis juxta prefati mandati nostri exigenciam assignastis , omnes in contrarium venientes majoris excommunicationis sentencia in genere innodantes . Et quia idem Johannes quamdam partem predictorum fructuum occupavit et ob hoc timet se in dictam sentenciam incidisse , se per nos absolvi petiit ab eadem , offerens se paratum fructus restituere memoratos . Ad vos igitur remittentes eundem vobis mandamus quatinus facta per ipsum restitutione fructuum eorundem eum a predicta sentencia absolvatis . Ad hec quia dictus Johannes quamdam partem dictarum terrarum asserens in fraudem ipsius seminatam fuisse , seque fructus[1] earum tanquam dicto defuncto minime debitos occupasse , et ob hoc timens per vos quorum aliquos sibi reputat circa ratione suspectos in eum aliquem duriciam contra justiciam excerceri , sibi per nos

[1] Interlined.

contra hoc de remedio petit provideri , discussionem hujusmodi articuli nobis specialiter reservamus , vobis inhibentes ne contra eum actione hujusmodi aliquid attemptetis donec a nobis aliud habueritis in mandatis , et ne per eum fructus hujusmodi medio tempore dissipentur ipsas vice nostra artius sequestretis . Datum Lincoln' XVIII kalendas Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

Sentencia lata contra intrusores de thame. Note that the Archdeacon of Stow, assisted by the subdean, Master Henry of Nassington and Walter of Wootton, canons of Lincoln, and other priests, publicly excommunicated in Lincoln cathedral, first in Latin and then in English, all those persons, except the King and his family, concerned in a violent and sacrilegious attack upon the church of Thame on August 8, 1293. The bishop's mandate for this excommunication, describing the way in which the church was besieged, the clergy who were in it wounded, and Mass said by the priest (suborned by the attackers) in a desecrated building, is given in full. August 15, 1293.

Septimodecimo kalendas Septembris anno XIIII Archidiaconus Stowe de mandato domini episcopi vive vocis oraculo sibi facto in pulpito cathedralis ecclesie Lincoln' assistentibus sibi domino .....[1] subdecano ejusdem ecclesie , magistro Henrico de Nassington' et Waltero de Wutton' canonicis et nonnullis ipsius ecclesie presbiteris , post offerendam magne misse decantatam, pupplicavit quamdam sentenciam primo in Latinis et postmodum in Anglicis , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , sub continentia infrascripta : — In dei nomine amen . Horrendi facinoris et piacularis flagitii in cimiterio ecclesie de Thame et etiam in ipsa ecclesia per quorundam perversorum invasionem nuperrime horribiliter perpetrati clamor immensus nos Oliverum permissione divina Lincoln' episcopum jugiter stimulat et velud[2] impatiens atrocitatis sacrilegii ibidem commissi nos reddit mente sollicitos et quodammodo inquietos quousque ipsos sacrilegos injuriatores vinculo excommunicationis qua facto suo proprio involvuntur acrius procellamus . Ut autem hujusmodi crudelitas sacrilegii facti pupplicationem auribus audiencium amplius inhorrescat , et sancte matris ecclesie zelantes honorem ad impressionem maledictionis divine in auctores ipsius sacrilegii nobiscum animocius insurgant , ipsius facinorosi sacrilegii qualitatem pro parte breviter[3] recitamus . Die namque sabbati proxima ante festum sancti Laurencii Sathane satellites numero quasi ducenti , et ad expugnandum ecclesiam predictam studiosissime parati , cimiterium pretactum ausu furibundo tanquam spiritu diabolico vegetati temere ingredientes , custodes dicte ecclesie ne ipsam possent exire libere et reverti nequiter coarcarunt , et ipsum locum sacrum

[1] Blank in MS. [2] *Sic.* [3] Interlined.

circumquaque vallarunt in girum . Deinde ecclesiam ipsam in occidua parte locis pluribus perforarunt ut intra etiam usque ad magnum altare sa- [*Folio 79*] gittandi facultatem haberent , quibus non contenti copia stipule in porticu ipsius ecclesie conjecta ad incendendum eam more infidelium notorie procedere dampnabiliter presumpserunt . Demum prefati sacrilegi filii Belial dictam ecclesiam incendio suppositam introgressi duos clericos inter alios custodes predictos inibi atrociter verberarunt , ipsam ecclesiam per sanguinis extractionem nichilominus maculantes et turpiter prophanantes , et in ipso loco taliter execrato missam facere celebrari de facto protinus presumentes , ad dei irreverenciam et libertatis ecclesiastice prejudicium , domini regis et regni perturbationem injuriosam quantum in ipsis erat , loci sacri predicti immunitatis violationem et animarum suarum grande periculum , et vehemens scandalum plurimorum . Ad persequendum igitur tanti sceleris et tam nephandi sacrilegii patratores juxta datam a deo nobis potestatem confidentius exsurgentes , omnes notorios sacrilegos et malefactores predictos quos procul dubio sentenciam majoris excommunicationis constat multipliciter incurrisse , cum suis auctoribus , fautoribus qualitercumque et consiliariis universis in facto hujuscemodi tam dampnato , excepto domino nostro rege et liberis suis , licet a culpa in hac parte penitus sint immunes , majori excommunicatione ligatos esse , et a liminibus sancte matris ecclesie sequestratos tenore presentium declaramus et sic excommunicatos pupplice nunciamus.

Suttirton'. Note that Thomas son of Thomas Brownigg' of Sutterton, who had been reported to the bishop as remaining obdurate for more than forty days after being excommunicated for failing to pay his tithes of fish, engaged in a prolonged dispute in the attempt to prove that the sentence had been pronounced against him without due cause. The bishop eventually decided that his appeal was frivolous, and applied to the King for his arrest. Lincoln, Aug. ~~September~~ 16, 1293.

Memorandum quod cum per . . . . . .[1] officialem . . . . . .[1] archidiaconi Lincoln' scriptum fuisset episcopo pro captione Thome filii Thome Brownigg' de Suttirton' excommunicati per . . . . . .[1] decanum Hoyland' propter ipsius contumacias et offensas , et in ea per XL dies et amplius animo indurato perseverentis , ut eidem officialis suis litteris pretendebat , scriptum fuit per episcopum vicario de Quappelade[2] pro monitione sibi facienda quod infra certum tempus ad gremium ecclesie rediret et se a dicta sentencia procuraret absolvi . Qua quidem monitione sibi facta antequam certificatorium ad episcopum rediret , venit dictus Thomas ad episcopum et asserens vicarium ecclesie de Suttirton' ipsum non monitum , non convictum , non confessum , absque causa rationabili et contra statuta concilii

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generalis majoris excommunicationis sentencia innodasse , eundem vicarium ad certum diem coram episcopo procuravit citari , quo die propter absenciam episcopi a sua diocese pereunte , iterum eundem vicarium ad diem alium procuravit vocari , cujus quidem vocationis occasione , exhibito episcopo certificatorio de monitione dicto Thome facta , non fuit scriptum pro captione ejusdem . Die vero vocationis adveniente , dicto vicario per procuratorem comparente , quia dictus Thomas suam non prosequebatur querelam , fuit dictus vicarius ab illius diei instancia absolutus . Cumque episcopus certa de causa inhibuisset ne ad litteras officialis pro captionibus scriberentur , iterum exhibebatur episcopo littera archidiaconi Lincoln' pro captione Thome predicti , factaque sibi iterata monitione per vicarium de Milton' , et ipsius vicarii certificatorio XVII kalendas Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio apud Lincoln' exhibito , tertio venit dictus Thomas instans ut ex causa premissa dictus vicarius citaretur . Et in virtute juramenti tunc prestiti ab eodem requisitus qua de causa fuit excommunicatus per vicarium fatebatur quod pro decima piscatoris non soluta et quod comparochiani sui de Sutterton' hujusmodi decimam persolvebant . Et quia juxta confessionem hujusmodi sentencia reputabatur justa , et alias truffaverat in hac parte , non fuit rescriptum in querelam suam , set[1] statim scriptum fuit domino regi pro captione ejusdem in forma consueta.[2]

Commissio. Commission to the official of the Archdeacon of Bedford and to John rector of Cockayne Hatley (Hattele) to discharge the executors of the will of Master Solomon rector of Sutton. Nettleham, August 18, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to Master Hugh of Collingham (Colingham), canon of Lincoln, and to Walter of Fotheringhay (Foderingeye), keeper of St. Peter's altar in the cathedral church of Lincoln, to discharge Jocelyn vicar of Carleton-Le-Moorland (Carleton' in Moreland') and his fellow-executors of the will of Master William rector of the church of North Hykeham (Norht Hecham). Nettleham, August 18, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Philip of Croxby (Crosseby) acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Nettleham, August 18, 1293.

Attornatus ad recipiendum redditus in civitate Lincoln' et suburbio ejusdem. Letters patent under the bishop's seal appointing Alexander Le Wayt as the bishop's attorney to receive all rents due to the bishop in the city and suburbs of Lincoln. Nettleham, August 18, 1293.

[1] *Sic.* [2] 'Captio' is written in the margin.

[*Folio 79v.*]

Pro johanne de sancto licio de colby. Mandate to the rector of Coleby, at the instance of John de St. Lys, either to release the said John from a sentence of excommunication issued against all those who had stolen goods belonging to the late William of Houghton , or to report why he considered the said John to be guilty. Nettleham, August 23, 1293.

O. etc. , ...[1] rectori ecclesie de Colby salutem, etc . Sua nobis Johannes de sancto Lycio parochianus vester nuper conquestione monstravit quod vos occasione cujusdam sentencie excommunicationis in amotores , occultatores et subtractores maliciosos bonorum quondam Willelmi de Hocton' dudum auctoritate nostra generaliter late , nisi de hujusmodi bonis infra quindecim dies a tempore noticie monitionis facte executoribus testamenti dicti defuncti satisfacerent competenter , ipsum excommunicatum voluntarie reputantes , eundem tanquam talem facitis artius evitari , licet dictus Johannes in culpa non fuerit nec maliciam ut asserit commiserit in hac parte . Quocirca vobis mandamus quatinus si est ita , a molestatione prefati Johannis occasione pretacta penitus desistatis , alioquin si eundem Johannem nobis falsum suggessisse compareritis in premissis facti veritatem nobis litteris vestris sine more dispendio significare curetis . Datum apud Nettelham X kalendas Septembris pontificatus nostri anno quartodecimo.

Sentencia contra invadentes ecclesiam de thame. Mandate to the Archdeacons of Oxford, Buckingham, Huntingdon and Bedford, and to the official of the Archdeacon of Northampton, to cause all those who were concerned in the sacrilegious attack upon the church of Thame, on August 8, 1293, to be excommunicated in every church and synod throughout their several archdeaconries. Furthermore, the Archdeacons of Oxford and Buckingham or their officials, accompanied by a suitable band of priests, were to pronounce the sentence in the church of Thame itself. The King and his family were to be excluded from the scope of this excommunication. A report was to be made to the bishop. Stow Park, August 26, 1293.

O. etc. , dilectis in Christo filiis . . . . . .[1] Oxon' . . . . . .[1] Buck' Huntingdon' et Bedeford' archidiaconis ac . . . . . .[1] officiali . . . . . .[1] archidiaconi Norht' salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Detestande temeritas immanitas et execrabilis flagitii impietas in cimiterio ecclesie de Tham' et etiam in ipsa ecclesia per quorundam perversorum invasionem nuper horribiliter perpetrate nos jugiter stimulant ac sollicitos mente reddunt et quodammodo inquietos quousque ipsos impios sacrilegos censura qua convenit persequamur . Sane die

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Sabbati proxima ante festum sancti Laurencii jam elapsam Sathane satellites in multitudine effrenata per excogitatam maliciam invicem adunati et ad expugnandum ecclesiam predictam studiosissime preparati cimiterium pretactum ausu furibundo tanquam spiritu diabolico vegetati temere ingredientes , custodes dicte ecclesie ne ipsam possent exire libere et reverti nequiter coarctarunt , ac ipsum locum sacrum circumquaque vallentes in girum eandem ecclesiam in locis pluribus perforarunt ut intra etiam usque ad magnum altare sagittandi facultatem haberent . Quibus non contenti copia stipule in porticu ipsius ecclesie conjecta , ad incendendum eam more infidelium notorie procedere dampnabiliter presumpserunt . Demum prefati sacrilegi filii Belial dictam ecclesiam incendio suppositam introgressi duos clericos inter alios custodes predictos inibi atrociter verberarunt , ipsam ecclesiam per sanguinis extractionem maculantes , necnon in ipso loco taliter execrato missam ad dei irreverenciam prophano ministerio celebrari protinus facientes , in libertatis ecclesie prejudicium , loci sacri immunitatis violationem , animarum suarum grande periculum et vehemens scandalum plurimorum . Cum igitur tam nephande sceleris et tanti sacrilegii patratores sentenciam majoris excommunicationis ipso facto proculdubio constet multipliciter incurrisse , nos ne eisdem grassandi in ecclesiam dei occasionem ulterius relinquamus , et ex[1] eorum impunitate excessus viam videamur aliis aperire , vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus omnes malefactores et sacrilegos supradictos cum suis auctoribus , fauctoribus[2] qualitercumque et consiliariis universis in hujusmodi facto tam dampnato in dictam excommunicationis sentenciam , quam ad dominum nostrum[1] regem et liberos suos quos a culpa in hac parte prorsus reputamus immunes extendi nolumus nec intendimus quoquomodo , incidisse . atque anathematizatos atque excommunicatos ac a lumenibus[3] sacre matris ecclesie sequestratos esse , in singulis ecclesiis archidiaconatuum vestrorum singulis diebus dominicis et festivis intra missarum solempnia , necnon in convocationibus solempnibus et sinodis locorum , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , in genere sollempniter denuncietis seu per rectores , vicarios aut capellanos locorum denunciari pupplice faciatis , donec a nobis super hoc aliud habueritis in mandatis . Ceterum rei geste consonum arbitrantes ut dicti transgressores ibi divine maledictionis precipue percellantur horrore ubi dictum sacrilegium commiserunt , vobis . . . . . .[4] Oxon' et . . . . . .[4] Buck' archidiaconis ut supra firmiter injungimus quatinus aliquo die congruo a vobis concorditer statuendo , associatis vobis rectoribus , vicariis et capellanis vicinis in numero competenti , ad ecclesiam de Thame personaliter accedentes omnes [*Folio 80*] sacrilegos suprafatos involutos anathemate et excommunicatos esse denuncietis in forma prescripta , seu vobis legitime impeditis per officiales vestros hec fieri faciatis .

[1] Interlined. [2] *Sic.* [3] *Sic, recte* ' liminibus '. [4] Blank in MS.

Qualiter autem vos omnes et singuli presens mandatum nostrum duxeritis exequendum , nos litteris vestris patentibus harum seriem continentibus apertius certificetis tempore oportuno . Datum apud Parcum Stowe, VII kalendas Septembris , anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri XIIII.

Bulla contra fratres ordinis apostolorum. Letters patent under the bishop's seal, publishing in full the text of a bull of Honorius IV which declared that the so-called "Order of the Apostles" had not been approved, and that it was not to be accepted as genuine. If its members appeared to be truly devout they were to be urged to join proper religious orders. The bull was dated at Rome (Santa Sabina) March 11, 1286, and the bishop's publication of it at Stow Park, August 27, 1293. Additional notes state that John of Clipston, R. of Toynton and J. of Willingham witnessed that they had heard the original reading of the letters on September 30, 1286, and that the letters were inspected and confirmed later on July 21, 1296.

Noverint universi hanc paginam inspecturi quod nos Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus litteras felicis recordationis domini Honorii pape quarti vera bulla et filo canapis integro bullatas , non cancellatas , non abolitas nec in aliqua sui parte corruptas inspeximus sub hac forma : — Honorius episcopus servus servorum dei venerabilibus fratribus universis patriarchis , archiepiscopis et episcopis , ac dilectis filiis cathedralium ecclesiarum clericis et vicariis earundum ad quos littere iste pervenerint , salutem et apostolicam benedictionem . Olim felicis recordationis Gregorius papa decimus predecessor noster in concilio Lugdun' omnes religiones[1] et ordines mendicantes adinventos post generale concilium qui nullam confirmationem sedis apostolice meruerunt perpetue prohibitioni subjecit et quatenus processerant revocavit . Verum sicut ad nostri apostolatus auditum fama querela deferente pervenit quidam qui post generale et ante Lugdun' predicta concilia sub nomine ordinis apostolorum habitum nove religionis assumpserant , quamquam nullam alioquin confirmationem sedis apostolice meruissent , prohibitionis et revocationis predicti temerarii contemptores , eundem habitum seu ei consimilem sub eodem nomine usque hodie deferentes , quamplures etiam alii assumpto post dictum[2] Lugdun' concilium hujusmodi habitu per diversas mundi partes mendicando discurrere non verentur , facientes ea que non conveniunt , in animarum suarum periculum et grave scandalum plurimorum , presertim cum nonnulli pravitatis heretice vicio laborantes sub hujusmodi habitu asserantur inventi . Nos igitur volentes talium prevaricatorum insolentem audaciam refrenari , et predictam non tamen religionem quam perniciosam sectam penitus aboleri ne forte

[1] *Sic, rectius* 'religiosos'. [2] Interlined.

mentes fidelium simplices falsa sanctitatis eorum ymagine seducantur , universitati vestra per apostolica scripta mandamus quatinus quoscumque de predictis in vestris civitatibus et diocesibus inveniri contigerit , eos ad deponendum hujusmodi habitum monitione permissa per censuram ecclesiasticam appellatione postposita compellatis , monentes eosdem ut si religiosam vitam ducere cupiunt ad aliquam se transferant de religionibus approbatis . Quod si aliqui eorum censuram predictam forte contempserint , vos contra ipsos ad penam carceris seu aliam prout experire videritis procedatis , invocato adversus eos si opus fuerit auxilio bracchii secularis . Ceterum ut predicti eo facilius a sua insolencia compescantur , quo magis a Christi fidelibus abici se viderint et contempni , volumus ut presens mandatum nostrum vestrarum civitatum et diocesum pupplicis iteratis vicibus pupplicantes , ac facientes per alios pupplicari , eosdem populos auctoritate nostra moneatis et inducatis attente ne aliquem de predictis prefatum deferentibus habitum recipere presumant hospitio vel eis aliquas elemosinas largiantur , ne ad deferendum habitum ipsum seu ei consimilem impendant consilium , auxilium vel favorem . Datum Rome apud sanctam Sabinam V idus Martii pontificatus nostri anno primo . — In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Parcum Stowe VI kalendas Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio . *Pridie kalendas Octobris facta fuit auscultatio ad originales litteras anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo sexto , indictione X per me J. de Clipston' auscultantem et R. de Tinton' et J. de Wivelingham .*[1] **Postmodum XI kalendas Augusti anno XVII apud Bruemme innovata fuit ista littera additis quibusdam verbis sub hac forma : — Noverint universi , etc. , usque ibi , corruptas : — dudum inspeximus earumque tenorem in registro nostro redigi fecimus sub hac forma , Honorius etc . In cujus inspectionis , etc . Datum etc .**[2]

Sentencia generalis pro ecclesia de roxby. Mandate to the Dean of Manlake to excommunicate, in the church of Roxby and all other churches throughout the deanery, all those who had prevented the rectors of Roxby from collecting their garb tithes, and to cite all such persons, whose names could be discovered, to appear before the bishop on the third law-day before Michaelmas. A report was to be made to the bishop. Stow Park, August 27, 1293.

O. etc. , decano de Manlak' salutem etc . Cum explorati juris existat quod omnes illi qui ecclesias maliciose suo jure privare presumunt aut per maliciam libertates earundem infringere vel perturbare contendunt sunt ipso jure novissimo majoris excommunicationis sentencia innodati , quodque hujusmodi excommunicatio ad tria genera hominum , videlicet ad omnes auferentes

[1] * . . . *. Interlined in the margin.
[2] ** . . . . . **. Added at the bottom of the page.

ecclesiis sua jura , infringentes ecclesiasticas libertates , et sine fractione contentiose turbantes easdem , secundum declarationem seu interpretationem nove constitutionis metropolitice est producta , que quidem constitutio manifeste intelligitur sicut expresse dicitur in eadem non solum de libertatibus generalibus universalis ecclesie verum etiam de specialibus tam temporalibus quam spiritualibus contra institutionem ecclesie cujuscumque , [*Folio 80v*] nos vim et virtutem constitutionis hujusmodi ex officii nostri debito contra sacrilegos et violatores ecclesiasticarum libertatum digna emulatione serventes , vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter mandamus quatinus omnes illos sacrilegos dampnate iniquitatis filios qui . . . . . .[1] rectores parochialis ecclesie de Roxby quominus libera perceptione et collectione decime garbarum parochie de Roxby ad eosdem rectores nomine ecclesie sue prefate plano et pleno jure spectantis , in cujus etiam juris percipiendi possessione pacifica per plures annos fuerunt pro tempore retroacto licite gaudere poterint ut de jure poterant et debebant in hoc instanti autumpno propria temeritate volenter impediererunt , jus , possessionem , statum et libertatem dicte ecclesie turbando et injuste turbare notorie contendendo , ipso jure excommunicatos esse cum omnibus suis complicibus , mandatum , auxilium , consilium seu favorem clam vel palam , tacite vel expresse , per se aut per alios scienter prestantibus in hoc facto , assumptis vobiscum duodecim rectoribus , vicariis seu capellanis parochialibus de vicinis in ipsa ecclesia de Roxby proximo die dominico post-receptionem presentium , necnon in omnibus aliis ecclesiis decanatus de Manlak' usque ad festum sancti Michaelis proxime futurum , singulis diebus dominicis et festivis intra missarum solempnia post lectum evangelium , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , auctoritate nostra in genere solempniter denuncietis seu per alios denunciari pupplice faciatis . Si vero per facti evidenciam vel aliam investigationem legitimam quam per vos fieri volumus in premissis de nominibus et personis malefactorum vobis constiterit predictorum , ipsos peremptorie citetis quod tertio die juridico post festum sancti Michaelis ubicumque tunc fuerimus in nostra diocese compareant coram nobis , super sibi obiciendis ex officio de justicia responsuri , facturi ulterius et recepturi secundum hujusmodi negotii qualitatem et naturam quod justicia suadebit . Et quod super hiis omnibus et singulis duxeritis faciendum nos per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem ac nomina illorum quos citaveritis in hac parte , culpamque seu causam cujuslibet sic citati expressius continentes certificetis tempore oportuno . Datum apud Parcum Stowe V kalendas Septembris pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

Commissio. Commission to Masters Hugh of Collingham (Colingham), canon of Lincoln, and Walter of Fotheringhay (Foderingeye), keeper of St. Peter's altar in Lincoln cathedral, to discharge the

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executors of the will of John de Baylof. These two commissaries were appointed in place of William of Thornton and Walter of Malling, who had excused themselves on grounds of absence from the diocese. Stow Park, August 28, 1293.

Sentencia generalis. Note of a sentence of general excommunication to be published by the official of the Archdeacon of Stow against all those who had laid violent hands on William called Colbe of Kirton in Lindsey (Kyrketon'). Elsham, September 1, 1293.

Sentencia generalis. Note of a sentence of general excommunication, in the same form as that issued on behalf of the church of Rand (Rande),[1] to be published by the Dean of Grimsby against all those who had prevented the collection of tithes in the parish of Waltham. Grimsby, September 4, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to the Dean of Yarborough, Master Simon of Louth (Luda) rector of Aylesby (Alesby), and Master Robert of Kirmington (Kyrnington') rector of Brigsley (Briggesle), or to any two of them, to discharge the executors of the will of Sir Ralph of Goxhill (Gousel) knight. Grimsby, September 4, 1293.

[*Folio* 81.]

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Thomas son of William of Legbourne (Lekeburn') clerk to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Louth, September 7, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to Master Simon of Louth (Luda) rector of Aylesby (Alesby) to discharge the executors of the will of Alexander of Percy. Louth, September 9, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Ralph and John of Aylesby (Alesby) acolytes to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Markby, September 10, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to the Dean of Grimsby to represent the bishop in the lawsuit between Simon of Louth (Luda) rector of Aylesby (Alesby), of the one part, and Peter, formerly chaplain of Saltfleetby (Saltfletby), of the other, concerning offerings made to the church of St. Peter at Saltfleetby. Markby, September 10, 1293.

Captio. Request to the King for the arrest of Nicholas called Le Mouner of Oxford (Oxon') who, according to a letter from the chancellor of the university, had remained obdurate for more than forty days after being excommunicated by the Dean of Christianity in Oxford. Wainfleet, September 11, 1293.

[1] This entry must have been in that part of the Register which has not survived.

Concessio cantarie fratibus carmel' in quodam oratorio apud sanctum botulphum constructo. Licence under the bishop's seal to the Carmelites of Boston to have a private chapel, subject to the usual restrictions. Sibsey, September 13, 1293.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis nobis in Christo . . . . . .[1] priori et fratribus ordinis sancte Marie de Monte Carmeli in sancto Botulpho salutem in auctore salutis . Graciam vobis volentes facere specialem , ut in oratorio vestro apud sanctum Botulphum constructo divina celebrare possitis , vobis ad presens duximus concedendum , salvis in omnibus jure episcopali , matricis ecclesie loci ejusdem et aliarum ecclesiarum vicinarum ac Lincoln' ecclesie dignitate . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Cybecey idibus Septembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri quartodecimo.

Cokerington'. Note that William of Benniworth appeared before the bishop in his hall at Louth and complained that whereas he, the said William, and John Haket, a monk of Louth Park acting by permission of his abbot, had been appointed executors of the will of the late Sir Gilbert of Cockerington, knight, the said William had passed over the administration of a great part of the goods to John Haket by indenture. John had then died, and William asked the bishop to allocate the goods between himself and the monks, since it was now seven years since Sir Gilbert had died and the Abbot of Louth Park showed no signs of coming to a friendly agreement about his possessions. The abbot, being summoned, said that he was newly appointed, and was told by the bishop to go and consult his predecessor and the abbey, and thereafter to give William his due share, or the bishop would feel himself bound to adjudicate. Louth, September 9, 1293.

Memorandum quod die Martis in crastino nativitatis beate Marie anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio apud Ludam Willelmus de Benigwurth' in presencia episcopi in aula sua ante horam vesperarum personaliter constitutus eidem domino episcopo , presente abbate de Parco Lude , per modum querele exposuit oretenus quod quondam dominus Gilbertus de Cokerington' miles suum condens testamentum eundem Willelmum et fratrem Johannem Haket inter alios constituit executores , iidem Willelmus et frater Johannes de consciencia et permissione seu licencia abbatis sui in bonis dicti defuncti administrarunt , cui quidem fratri Johanni dictus Willelmus plurium bonorum testatoris predicti administrationem dimisit sicut ex cedula inter ipsos super hoc dentata et manu ejusdem fratris Johannis conscripta liquere poterit manifeste . Cumque dictus frater Johannes prefata bona occuparet dum vixit , nec constat prefato Willelmo

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quo illa devenerunt ut dixit , petiit ut allocatis etiam omnibus etiam emptis ad pitanciam monachorum et aliis eis in hac parte rationabiliter collatis , episcopus circa residuum bonorum hujusmodi quod ad suum spectaret officium exequi dignaretur . Quo audito episcopus quesivit a dicto Willelmo quantum fuit elapsum post mortem dicti domini Gilberti , respondit quod septem anni tunc erant elapsi , adiciens quod post mortem dicti fratris Johannis expectavit loqui versus abbatem et conventum de Parco Lude de hujusmodi materia sub spe quod sibi tanquam amico domus de premissis facerent quod justum foret . Deinde prefatus abbas dixit quod ipse de novo creatus erat , et abbas qui precessit eum ad premissa respondere melius novit quam ipse . Unde episcopus deliberato aliquantulum dixit dicto abbati ' Vos audistis hic proposita , idcirco loquamini cum illo qui precesserat vos in officio et cum conventu vestro , et respondeatis dicto W. secundum veritatem et justiciam , alioquin si iterato conqueratur nobis idem Willelmus deesse non poterimus quin eidem faciamus justiciam exhiberi '.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to William of Edlesborough (Edelesberg') acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Horncastle, September 14, 1293.

[*Folio 81*v.]

Compositio inter abbatem et conventum de Barling' et magistrum Thomam de Byrland' canonicum Lincoln'.

Inspeximus, under the bishop's seal, of an indenture drawn up at Lincoln on October 28, 1292, by which Master Thomas of Burland, prebendary of North Carleton, relinquished his rights to the lesser tithes of the manor and lands of the late Walter de Wyldeker in the parish of North Carleton in return for an annual payment of half-a-mark on All Saints' Day by the Abbot and convent of Barlings. Mere, September 20, 1293.

Universis pateat per presentes quod nos Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus compositionem dudum initam inter dilectum in Christo filium magistrum Thomam de Byrlaund' canonicum ecclesie nostre Lincoln' ac prebendarium de Carleton' Kyme ex parte una , ac religiosos viros . . . . . .[1] abbatem et conventum de Barling' ordinis Premonstratenc' Lincoln' diocesis ex altera , inspeximus sub hac forma : — In dei nomine amen . Cum inter venerabilem virum magistrum Thomam de Birlaund' rectorem ecclesie prebendalis de Carleton' Kyme actorem ex parte una , et religiosos viros abbatem et conventum de Barling' ordinis Premonstraten' Lincoln reos ex altera , super minutis decimis , lacte videlicet , lane , agnorum et ortorum[2] et omnibus aliis decimis exceptis blado et feno de manerio et terris quondam domini Walteri

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de Wyldeker sito et jacentibus infra parochia dicte ecclesie de Carleton' in quibus dicti religiosi dicto Waltero dum viveret successerunt provenientibus suborta esset materia questionis et lis aliquamdiu ventilata , tandem intervenientibus communibus amicis recessum est a lite , et sic amicabiliter compositum inter partes , videlicet quod dictus Thomas pro se et successoribus suis renunciavit liti et omni juri quod habuit vel habere potuit ad petendum decimas supradictas , pro quibus dicti abbas et conventus et successores eorum dicte ecclesie de Carleton' et rectoribus qui pro tempore fuerunt dimidiam marcam solvent annuatim in perpetuum ad festum omnium sanctorum sine dilatione ulteriori et contradictione qualibet numerandam . Sane ut hec amicabilis compositio quam per partes se servaturas fideliter promiserunt perpetuum robur optineat firmitatis , facta fuit interveniente consensu et auctoritate venerabilis patris domini O. dei gracia Lincoln' episcopi et ejusdem loci capituli hoc nichilominus acto et expresse concesso a partibus quod eas ad observationem dicte pacis seu compositionis dictum capitulum per censuram ecclesiasticam appellatione remota compellere valeat et artare . In quorum omnium testimonium sigilla dictorum venerabilis patris et capituli huic scripto in modum cirographi confecto una cum sigilla partium sunt appensa . Datum Lincoln' in festo apostolorum Simonis et Jude , anno gracie M. CC. nonagesimo secundo . — Nos igitur compositionem hujusmodi ratam habentes ipsam auctoritate pontificali capituli nostri Lincoln' ad hoc concurrente consensu tenore presentium confirmamus . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Mere XII kalendas Octobris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri quartodecimo.

Commissio. Commission to Masters Hugh of Collingham (Colingham) and Walter of Fotheringhay (Foderingeye) to discharge the executors of the will of Adam Ape. Sleaford, September 21, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to William of Kelmarsh (Keylemers') clerk to receive all holy orders from any English bishop. Place not given.[1] September 20, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to the Abbot of Hagnaby (Hagneby) and the Prior of Markby (Markeby) to discharge the executors of the will of Agnes, wife of William son of Helewys' of Mumby. Sleaford, September 20, 1293.

[*Folio 82.*]

Pro rectore de dalderby. Mandate to the Dean of Horncastle and Hill to suspend James rector of Dalderby, who was seriously ill

[1] Presumably Sleaford. See next entry.

with leprosy, appoint a curator for him and his church, and see that he received an annual pension of twenty shillings, which was as much as the slender revenues of the church could provide. Sleaford, September 22, 1293.

O. etc. , decano de Horncastr' et Hille salutem etc . Jacobo rectore ecclesie de Dalderby morbo lepre resperso enormiter et percusso ab administratione ecclesie predicte per nos nuper suspenso justicia suadente , ad ordinandum de curatore sibi dando et cura dicte ecclesie peragenda , ita quod prefato rectori viginti solidi de proventibus ipsius ecclesie admodum exilis sicut nostis pro exhibitione sua ministrarentur annuatim vobis concessimus facultatem . Quocirca vobis mandamus quatinus dictum rectorem suspensum ut premittitur in bonis et proventibus ecclesie suprafate administrare nullatenus permittatis . Datum apud Lafford' X kalendas Octobris anno XIIII.

Commissio ad recipiendum satisfactionem a Thoma Bruning' de Sutterton' excommunicato. Commission to the Dean of Christianity in Lincoln to receive satisfaction from Thomas Bruning' of Sutterton, who had been imprisoned after remaining obdurate for more than forty days under a sentence of excommunication and was now prepared to repent. The dean was to report to the bishop when the said Thomas asked him to do so. Spalding, September 24, 1293.

Oliverus etc. , ...[1] decano Christianitatis Lincoln' etc . Cum Thomam filium Thome Bruning' de Sutterton' propter ipsius contumacias et offensas majoris excommunicationis sentencia auctoritate ordinarii innodatum , pro eo quod hujusmodi sentenciam per XL dies et amplius animo sustinuit indurato , ad instanciam archidiaconi Lincoln' procuraverimus auctoritate regia carceri mancipari , ad recipiendum nomine nostro juxta juris formam ab eodem Thoma satisfactionem de predictis contumaciis et offensis , cum idem Thomas ad eam prestandam obtulerit se paratum , vobis vices nostras committimus cum cohercionis canonice potestate , mandantes quatinus nos de facto vestro per vestras patentes litteras harum seriem continentes certificetis cum ex parte dicti Thome fueritis requisiti . Datum apud Spalding' octavo kalendas Octobris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri quartodecimo.

Commissio. Commission to the rector of Algarkirk (Algerkyrk') to discharge the executors of the will of Roger Cutte of Boston (de sancto Botulpho). Spalding, September 20, 1293.[2]

[1] Blank in MS.

[2] Either the date or the place of this entry is wrong, as Sutton was at Sleaford on September 20.

Sentencia lata contra intrusores de thame. Public and solemn announcement by the bishop of a sentence of excommunication against all those who had attacked and mishandled the clergy who had assembled in the church of Long Crendon and the abbey of Notley for the purpose of obeying the bishop's mandate to excommunicate all those who had been concerned in the attack on the church of Thame on August 8.[1] No place or date.[2]

In dei nomine amen . Detestande temeritatis inmanitatem et execrabilis flagitii impietatem in cimiterio ecclesie de Thame et etiam in ipsa ecclesia per quorundam perversorum invasionem , qui die sabbati proxima ante festum sancti Laurencii ultimo preteritum in multitudine effrenata per excogitatam maliciam colligati et ad expugnandum ecclesiam predictam studiosissime preparati cimiterium pretactum ausu furibundo et spiritu diabolico vegetati temere ingredientes custodes dicte ecclesie ne ipsam possent exire libere et reverti nequiter coarctarunt , et ipsum locum sacrum circumquamque vallantes in girum eandem ecclesiam locis pluribus perforarunt , ut intra etiam usque ad magnum altare sagittandi facultatem haberent , hiisque non contenti quinimo[3] copia stipule in porticu ipsius ecclesie conjecta , ad incendendum eam more infidelium facto suo cultum blasphemantium Christianum notorie procedere dampnabiliter presumpserunt , quam etiam incendio suppositam introgressi duos clericos inter alios custodes predictos inibi atrociter verberaverunt , eandem basilicam per sanguinis extractionem turpiter maculantes , in ipso loco taliter execrato missam ad dei irreverenciam prophano ministerio celebrari protinus faciendo , horribiliter perpetrantes , perfecto odio ex officio persequentes , malefactores et sacrilegos invasores hujusmodi veluti libertatis ecclesiastice et loci sacri predicti immunitatis violatores manifestos cum suis auctoribus , fautoribus et consiliariis universis in facto hujusmodi dampnato in sentenciam majoris excommunicationis , quam ad dominum nostrum regem et liberos suos quos a culpa in hac parte reputavimus immunes extendi nolumus nec intendimus , incidisse , atque anathemazatos et excommunicatos ac a liminibus sancte matris ecclesie sequestratos esse apud ecclesiam de Tham' et in locis aliis pluribus in genere denunciari mandavimus ac sollempniter pupplicari . Set[3] ecce plurimis capellanis vicinorum locorum ad exequendum mandatum nostrum eis in premissis injunctum , partim in ecclesia de Grenden' juxta Tham' et partim in monasterio de Nuttele congregatis et quibusdam aliis vicissim a locis diversis convenientibus , nonnulli de sacrilegis invasoribus seu eorum complicibus primo eandem ecclesiam de Grendon' irreverenter ingredi presumantes capellanum loci ejusdem ac alios presbiteros et clericos tunc ibidem matutinum officium psallentes ab ipsa ecclesia et ejus cimiteria temere

[1] See above, p. 104.
[2] Probably at Ramsey, September 29, 1293. See below, p. 120.
[3] *Sic.*

extraxerunt , ipsosque in capitibus et diversis corporum partibus nequiter percusserunt , necnon quosdam sacerdotes et clericos in dicto monasterio cultellis et gladiis extractis usque ad nudam carnem post varias contumelias sibi prorsus illatos pupugerunt , quosdam etiam alios presbiteros et clericos ob dictam executionem faciendam in itinere inventos atrociter verberarunt . [*Folio 82v.*] Quid plura ? Sumitatibus capitorum hujusmodi capellanorum et clericorum quasi usque ad medium enormiter amputatis et manicis collobiorum eorundem capellanorum et clericorum detrunccatis[1] turpiter et decisis , ab eisdem qui ullimodam executionem sentencie contra ipsos sacrilegos malefactores decetero faciendam nequaquam procederent promissionem sub fide prestita extorserunt , in libertatis ecclesiastice evidens prejudicium , episcopalis auctoritatis contemptum prout ipsi filii Belial attestatione funeste vocis proprie ediderunt , animarum suarum grande periculum et vehemens scandalum aliorum . Cum igitur non mediocris culpa existat in tam enormi sacrilegio et scelere flagitioso per quod Christo in suis ministris per iniquos despicitur et irridetur , libertas ecclesiastica violatur , auctoritas episcopalis contempnitur , ordo sacerdotalis et inferior clericalis redditur in opprobrium , dissimulare et quodam neglectu relaxare vindicamus , omnes et singulos sacrilegos malefactores predictos qui procul dubio maledictionem divinam ipso facto dampnabiliter incurrerunt , illam ut vestimentum induentes et bibentes ut aquam ac intimis inossantes anathematizatos et excommunicatos ac a corpore Christi et compage ecclesie communioneque fidelium sequestratos et eminus separatos esse , ut cum Caim fratricida ac Dathan et Abyron vivis absortis[2] pro demeritis recipiant portionem , cum omnibus suis auctoribus , fautoribus et consiliariis universis in hujusmodi sacrilegio et celesto[3] facinore tam dampnato auctoritate pontificali denunciamus et tenore presentium pupplicamus.

Commissio. Commission to Hervey rector of the church of St. Mary at Mablethorpe (Malberthorp') to discharge the executors of the will of the wife[4] of Ralph called Helwyse. Sleaford, September 22, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Thomas son of John of Moulton (Multon') clerk to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Peterborough, September 26, 1293.

Commissio ad recipiendum cessionem . . . . . .[5] priorisse de grenefield'.

Mandate to the Prior of Markby to receive the resignation of Christina prioress of Greenfield, or to absolve her from her office if

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Sic,* for ' absorptis ', since they were swallowed up.
[3] *Sic, recte* ' scelesto '. [4] Her name is not given. [5] Blank in MS.

she would not resign, and to tell the convent to proceed to a new election. Crowland, September 26, 1293.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto in Christo filio . . . . . .[1] priori de Markeby salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Ad recipiendum cessionem Cristiane[2] priorisse de Grenefeld' si illam sponte facere voluerit et offerre , ad quam faciendam parata videbatur dum eramus ibidem vobis plenam concedimus facultatem . Alioquin si gratis cedere differat et recuset , cum secundum inventa et audita in ultima visitatione nostra in dicta domo de Grenefeld' nuper facta verisimiliter constiterit , quod nec spiritualiter nec temporaliter decetero proficere valeat in regendo , ad absolvendum eandem priorissam ab officio suo vobis vices nostras committimus per presentes , mandantes quatinus admissa cessione dicte priorisse , vel ea alias absoluta , conventui loci ejusdem ut ad electionem de persona idonea secundum deum canonice faciendam procedere non omittant firmiter injungatis . Valete . Datum apud Croyland' VII kalendas Octobris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Pro eadem priorissa. Commission to the Prior of Markby (Markeby) and to Master Simon of Louth (Luda) rector of Aylesby (Alesby) to examine and confirm the next prioress to be elected by the convent of Greenfield (Grenefeld'). The bishop reserved the right to nominate a prioress if the election should be quashed. Yaxley, September 27, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to Master John Le Fleming, canon of Lincoln, to represent the bishop's official in dealing with lawsuits which would normally have come before the said official or his commissary, and also with citations due to be settled on one of the four law-days after Michaelmas. Buckden, September 30, 1293.

Oliverus etc. , magistro Johanni le Flemeng' canonico ecclesie nostre Lincoln' salutem etc . Cum plures citationes ad certos dies sessionis . . . . . .[1] officialis nostri vel commissarii sui hiis quatuor diebus proximis post festum sancti Michaelis jam elapsis apud Huntingdon' quarum alique sunt inter partes et alique ex officio a nobis ordinasse dicantur , suntque alia negotia ex officio nostro inchoata seu cause alie inter partes coram dicto officiale virtute commissionis nostre sibi specialiter prius facte in dicta sessione per prefixiones pendentes seu pendentia in presenti , ne hujusmodi [*Folio 83*] dies pereant sine fructu , aut etiam hujuscemodi cause seu negotia occasione absentie officialis nostri ad presens teneantur aliqualiter in suspenso seu processus in eisdem indebite retardentur , in omnibus causis et negotiis hujusmodi sive per citationes sive per prefixiones pendentibus seu motis in sessione predicta , non obstante

[1] Blank in MS.
[2] Her name has been inserted after the letter was written, but in Scalleby's hand.

quacumque commissione in eisdem causis seu negotiis seu earum aliquibus vel aliqua prius facta , vobis vices nostras committimus cum cohercionis canonice potestate . Valete . Datum apud Buggeden' II kalendas Octobris pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

Sentencia contra intrusores de thame. Mandate to the Archdeacons of Oxford, Buckingham, Huntingdon and Bedford, and to the official of the Archdeacon of Northampton, to excommunicate, in all synods and chapters and in all churches throughout their several archdeaconries, all those in any ways concerned in the attack on the church of Thame or the assaults on the clergy at Long Crendon and Notley,[1] the King and his family only being excepted. The absolution of these people was to be reserved to the bishop or his superiors in authority. A report was to be made to the bishop. Ramsey, September 29, 1293.

O. etc. , dilectis in Christo filiis . . . . .[2] Oxon', Buck', Huntingdon' et Bedef' archidiaconis ac . . . . . .[2] officiali archidiaconi Norhamt' salutem etc . Detestande temeritatis inmanitatem etc . usque ibi 'relaxare vindiccamus'[3] . Vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus omnes invasores et sacrilegos malefactores ac violatores libertatis ecclesiastice predictos cum suis complicibus , auctoribus et fautoribus universis , clam vel palam , domino nostro rege et liberis suis ut premittitur exceptis , in sinodis et capitulis pro tempore celebrandis ac singulis ecclesiis archidiaconatuum predictorum , singulis diebus dominicis et festivis per rectores , vicarios et capellanos locorum , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , vice et auctoritate in genere excommunicatos et a compage sacrosancte ecclesie sequestratos esse , ut cum Caim fratricida ac Dathan et Abiron vivis absortis recipiant portionem , denunciari solempniter faciatis quousque absolutionis beneficium quam nobis et superioribus nostris in hoc casu specialiter reservamus si forte resipiscere velint meruerint optinere . Vos autem qualiter hoc mandatum nostrum duxeritis exequendum nos litteris vestris patentibus harum seriem continentibus certificetis tempore oportuno . Valete . Datum apud Rames' III kalendas Octobris' anno etc . nonagesimo tertio.

Sentencia contra eosdem. Note of a mandate, in the same form as that written above, sent to the officials of the Archdeacons of Lincoln, Leicester and Stow. No place or date, but probably as above.

Sentencia generalis. Mandate to the Archdeacons of Lincoln, Northampton, Oxford, Buckingham, Huntingdon, Leicester and Bedford, or to their officials, to excommunicate, in any church which

[1] See pp. 117–118. [2] Blank in MS. [3] *Sic.*

should be indicated to them by Richard of Clifford, O.P. , all those who had stolen from a chamber within the bounds of the Dominicans' house at Northampton the second part of St. Gregory's " Moralia ", written on parchment of calfskin in one large volume, and beginning at the words " Nam cathenam magnam " in the eighteenth book. Biggleswade, October 2, 1293.

O. etc. , dilectis in Christo filiis . . . . .[1] Lincoln , ...[1] Norhamt' , ...[1] Oxon' , ...[1] Buck' , ...[1] Huntingdon' , ...[1] Leyc' et . . . . .[1] Bedef' archidiaconis vel eorum officialibus salutem etc . Cum explorati juris existat quod si quis de domibus , maneriis , grangiis vel aliis hujusmodi locis ad personas ecclesiasticas pertinentibus quicquam preter voluntatem aut permissionem dominorum vel eorum qui sunt ejusmodi[2] rerum custodiis deputatis consumere vel auferre vel contractare presumpserit , ipso facto est excommunicatione ligatus , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus in aliquibus ecclesiis archidiaconatuum predictorum de quibus ex parte fratris Ricardi de Clifford' ordinis fratrum predicatorum fueritis requisiti , diebus dominicis et festivis quibus videritis expedire , intra missarum sollempnia post lectum evangelium omnes illos qui secundam partem moralium beati Gregorii in uno magno volumine de bona et grossa littera in pergamino vitulino , que sic incipit ' Nam cathenam magnam ' in decimo octavo libro ut dicitur , a quadam camera infra septa domus fratrum predicatorum Norhamt' repositam , preter voluntatem aut permissionem eorundem ausu sacrilego abstulerunt et illum scienter detinent sic ablatum , in dictam excommunicationem incidisse et excommunicatos esse, pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , solempniter et pupplice per vos seu alios in genere nuncietis . Valete . Datum apud Bykkeleswad' , VI nonas Octobris anno etc.

Obedienciam abbatis de thorneye. Note of an oath of canonical obedience, in respect of the appropriated churches in the diocese of Lincoln belonging to Thorney Abbey, sworn by the abbot in the presence of Masters Roger de Mortival (Martivall'), John Le Fleming (Flemeng'), Jocelyn, Archdeacon of Stow, and Walter of Wootton (Wutton'), canons of Lincoln, and of Robert of Kibworth (Kibwrth'), Roger of Sixhills (Sixil) and John de Scalleby, priests. Yaxley, September 28.

Sequestratio. Note of a mandate to the official of the Archdeacon of Huntingdon to sequestrate the revenues of the church of S. Peter at Berkhampstead (Berkhamsted') and tell the patrons to present another man to the living, since the last incumbent, John of Reed (Reda) had obtained preferment in the diocese of Ely. Biggleswade, October 3, 1293.

[1] Blank in MS. [2] *Sic, rectius* ' hujusmodi '.

Sequestratio. To the same, to sequestrate the revenues of the church of Walkern (Walkern') because Hervey the rector had been non-resident for two years. Biggleswade, October 3, 1293.

Sequestratio. Mandate to the official of the Archdeacon of Leicester and to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, to sequestrate the revenues of the church of Wistow (Wistanstowe) vacant by the death of Master Salvagius, and those of the church of Nailstone (Neyleston') vacant because Walter of Maidstone (Maydenstan') had not been ordained priest within a year of institution, also those of any other church in like case. If the official acted alone in this matter he was to make a report to Robert of Burton. London, Old Temple, October 7, 1293.

[*Folio 83*v.]

Ratificatio. Ratification by the bishop of all indulgences granted to those who should contribute to the fund for the belfry at Wheathampstead (Whethamsted'). London, Old Temple, October 8, 1293.

Procuratorium episcopi in curia cantuar'.[1] Letters patent appointing John de Mortival (Martivall'), clerk, the bishop's proctor in all cases, touching the said bishop and the see of Lincoln, which might be brought up before the official of the Archbishop of Canterbury either in London or anywhere else. Theydon Mount, October 13, 1293.

Relaxatio sequestrationis. Mandate to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, or the Dean of Holland, to relax the sequestration, imposed because of the non-residence of the rector, upon the revenues of the mediety of the church of Leverton. Theydon Mount, October 18, 1293.

Monitio. Mandate to the Dean of Preston to warn William of Grendon and Walter son of Peter of Leicester, living in Northampton, to seek absolution from a sentence of excommunication, under which they had remained for more than forty days, according to the report of the Archdeacon of Northampton, and to do so before November 18. A report was to be made to the bishop. Theydon Mount, October 18, 1293.

Item eisdem die , anno et loco exivit quedam littera ammonitionis in forma communi . . . . .[2] decano de Preston' quod Willelmum de Grendon' et Walterum filium Petri de Leyc' in Northamt' propter suas manifestas offensas et contumacias majorum excommunicationum

[1] Marginal drawing of a hand with a crozier. [2] Blank in MS.

sentencias auctoritate ordinaria innodatos , in quibus per XL dies et amplius animo prestiterint indurato , prout . . . . .[1] Archidiaconus Norhamt' episcopo suis litteris patentibus intimavit , moneret et efficaciter induceret quod ad gremium sancte ecclesie citra octabas sancti Martini proxime futuras redierent et a dictis excommunicationum sentencias se absolvi procurarent , alioquin etc . , et quod certificaret episcopum cito[2] post dictas octabas per litteras suas patentes predicte littere seriem , dies receptionis earum[3] ac monitionis eis facte et responsum quod ab eisdem receperit plenius continentes , etc.

Pro priorissa de cateby. To the Prioress and convent of Catesby, who had written to complain that their master had abandoned them. The bishop replied that he had ordered the said master, by letters addressed both to himself and to his prior, to resume his duties. He added that the Prioress and convent of Catesby should pay to the Prioress and convent of S. Michael's outside Stamford forty shillings for a nun of Catesby who was staying in Stamford, and that he would tell them later how much more they were to pay on her behalf. Theydon Mount, October 18, 1293.

Item . O. etc. , ...[1] priorisse et conventui monasterii de Catesby salutem etc . Ex serie litterarum vestrarum nobis per latorem presentium porrectarum intelleximus quod magister vester ad domum suam propriam non sine jactura vestra cum de alio qui vobis intendat adhuc vobis non sit provisum , et ille idem magister vobis proficuus ut scripsistis hactenus existebat , se totaliter divertit de novo . Icciro dampnum scienter tolerare nolentes , scribimus . . . . .[1] priori suo quod injungat sibi ut continue vel per vices prout melius decreverit in domo vestro morando , vobis intendat sicut prius , et hoc idem similiter injungimus sibipsi saltem quousque declinaverimus ad partes vestras . Ceterum . . . . . .[1] priorissa sancti Michaelis extra Staunford' et quedam moniales sue cum ea apud nos nuper institerunt ut commonialem vestram inter ipsas commorantem sicut scitis ad vos remittere vel eas pro expensis ejusdem respici facere curaremus . Nos vero reditum sororis vestre predicte adhuc congruum nullatenus reputantes , et prefatas moniales que vobis in possessionibus minime coequantur per exhibitionem commonialis vestre prefate onerari arbitrantes minus justum , vobis mandamus quatinus ad priorissam et moniales monasterii sancti Michaelis quadraginta solidos per aliquem certum [*Folio 84*] et fidelem nuncium mitti celeriter faciatis . De eo enim quod reddi feceritis in hac parte ad tempus more dicte monialis et econtra , rationem fieri faciemus cum viderimus oportunum . Datum apud Theydon' XV kalendas Novembris.

[1] Blank in MS. [2] Interlined. [3] *Sic, recte* ' ejus '.

Pro eadem priorissa. To the Prior of Canons Ashby, telling him to order Robert of Warden, canon of the priory and Master of Catesby, to resume his duties towards the Prioress and convent of Catesby. Theydon Mount, October 18, 1293.

Item , O. etc. , ...[1] priori de Esseby Canonicorum salutem etc . Significantibus nobis dilectis in Christo filiabus . . . . .[1] priorissa et conventus monasterii de Cateby accepimus evicino quod per absentationem magistri sui concanonici vestri fratris Roberti de Wardon' qui ad domum vestram curam et sollicitudinem monasterii de Cateby voluntarie deserendo dicitur rediisse , plurimum molestantur et alias dampnum incurrunt . Quocirca vobis mandamus quatinus eidem confratri vestro injungatis ut curam domus monialium predictarum quam sine consciencia nostra deserere presumpsit obedienter resumens , illam per continuationem more sue in eadem domo faciendam , vel vicissitudinem frequentius prout res exegerit repetandam , quod arbitrio suo relinquimus ista vice , cum debita efficacia diligenter et fideliter saltem quousque ad partes vestras declinaverimus agere non omittat . Datum apud Theyden' XV kalendas Novembris.

Pro eadem priorissa de cateby. Injunction to Robert of Warden (Wardon') Master of Catesby to resume his duties. The form of the letter is substantially the same as that of the previous entry. Theydon Mount, October 18, 1293.

Pro rectore ecclesie de bletchedon'. Mandate to the Archdeacon of Oxford to restore the church and revenues of Bletchingdon to Thomas Chapel the rector, who had made proof before the bishop that he was capable of doing his duties, and had been recognised by the Chancery as being in a proper state to look after himself. London, Old Temple, October 22, 1293.

O. etc. , archidiacono Oxon' etc . Quia dilectus in Christo filius Thomas de Capella rector ecclesie de Bletchedon' in presentia nostra London' personaliter constitutus statum suum nobis usquequaque prosperum ostendebat , et tanquam talis in officio cancellarie domini regis est collocatus ut prius , vobis mandamus quatinus ipsum de ecclesia sua predicta per se et suos curare et ejusdem fructibus ac proventibus decetero disponere libere permittatis , de obventionibus ipsius ecclesie retroperceptis facientes sibi sicut justum fuerit plenius responderi . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XI kalendas Novembris pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

Concessio cantarie. Mandate to the official of the Archdeacon of Leicester to permit Sir John d'Oily knight and Alice his wife to

[1] Blank in MS.

have a private chapel in their manor of Long Whatton in the parish of Belton, with the consent of the Prioress and convent of Gracedieu, patrons of the living, and subject to the usual conditions. The manor house was two miles from the church, and in winter the journey often involved great exhaustion and expense. The letter was to be copied, and a copy put in the parish church of Belton, before it was handed over to Sir John as evidence of the grant. London, Old Temple, October 22, 1293.

O. etc. , officiali archidiaconi Leycestr' salutem etc . Cum manerium dilecti in Christo filii domini Johannis de Oyly militis in villa de Whatton' spectans ad parochiam parochialis ecclesie de Belton' ab eadem per miliaria duo distet , ac propter hujusmodi distanciam et itineris intermedii difficultatem saltem tempore yemali ipse et uxor sua et libera familia eorundem dictam ecclesiam matricem sine magno tedio et gravi dispendio multotiens non possint adire et divinis officiis congruis temporibus interesse , prout per inquisitionem super hoc ad mandatum nostrum per vos factam plenius est acceptum , ut iidem dominus Johannes et Alicia uxor sua in oratorio infra manerium suum predictum constructo ad hoc idoneo sicut dicitur et honesto , divina sibi ac libere familie sue dumtaxat per sacerdotem propriis sumptibus exhibendum absque prejudicio matricis ecclesie prefate et aliarum ecclesiarum vicinarum , hoc addito quod nullimoda sacramenta ecclesiastica ministrentur ibidem , facere valeant secretius celebrari , liberam quoad vixerint de gracia speciali concessimus facultatem . Ita tamen quod prefati dominus Johannes et conjunx sua una cum familia sua in singulis majoribus anni festivitatibus et aliis in estate sicut accidunt justo cessante impedimento predictam matricem ecclesiam suam visitent pro honore ejusdem debito impendendo , quodque singuli capellani in eodem oratorio celebraturi in primo adventu suo de restituendis matrici ecclesie predicte universis oblationibus in eodem faciendis , ac indempnitate ipsius ecclesie quoad alia in presentia . . . . . .[1] priorisse et monialium de Gracia Dei dictam ecclesiam de Belton' ad usus proprios possidentium seu locum suum tenentium ibidem ac vicarii ejusdem quorum assensus hujusmodi gracie nostre concessione precessit , prestant ad sancta dei ewangelia juramentum . Quocirca vobis mandamus quatinus dictos dominum Johannem et uxorem suam hujusmodi gracia eis per nos concessa uti libere decetero permittatis , hanc litteram , ipsius copia pro ejusdem registratione facienda penes vos et in ecclesia matrice predicta prout decreveritis retenta , eidem domino Johanni ad munimentum evidentius in hac parte sine difficultate qualibet liberantes . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XI kalendas Novembris anno pontificatus nostri quarto decimo.

[1] Blank in MS.

[*Folio 84v.*]

PRO EMMA RELICTA WALTERI DE SWYNESHEVED'. Mandate to the sequestrator or his representative in the deanery of Alconbury to give to Emma widow of Walter of Swineshead that part of the said Walter's estate which was her lawful dower, provided that all debts and proper expenses had been paid. (Walter's estate had been sequestrated because he had died intestate.) Any doubtful point which might arise was to be referred to the bishop. London, Old Temple, October 23, 1293.

O. etc. , sequestratori nostri seu ipsius locum tenenti in decanatu de Alkemundebyr' salutem etc . Ex parte Emme relicte Walteri de Swynesheved' intestati defuncti nobis est supplicatum ut de bonis ejusdem Walteri qui[1] in nostrum inciderunt sequestrum portionem ipsam Emmam[2] de regni consuetudine debitam assignari faciamus eidem . Justam igitur petitionem hujusmodi[3] reputantes , vobis mandamus quatinus solutis debitis memorati defuncti et aliis de bonis eorundem communibus persolvendis , de residuo bonorum predictorum dicte mulieri portionem sibi debitam prout justum fuerit liberetis , taliter vos habentes quod eandem mulierem nos clamoribus sollicitare non oporteat iteratis . Si quid vero dubietatis emerserit in hac parte id nobis litteratorie intimetis . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' X kalendas Novembris pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

DIMISSORIE. Letters dimissory granted to Hugh de Blintham deacon to receive the priesthood from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, October 26, 1293.

DIMISSORIE. Letters dimissory granted to Richard called Christien of Edlesborough (Edelesberuwe) acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, October 28, 1293.

DIMISSORIE. Letters dimissory granted to Robert of Stony Stratford (Stonistretford') acolyte to receive the subdiaconate and diaconate from the Bishop of Worcester. London, Old Temple, October 28, 1293.

COMMISSIO.[4] Commission to the official of the Archdeacon of Northampton to represent the bishop's official in dealing with the lawsuits which would normally have come before the said official or his commissary, and also with citations, due to be settled on one of

[1] *Sic, recte* ' que '.
[2] *Sic,* ' ipsi Emme ' would be more usual, but it is possible that Scalleby omitted ' ad ' before ' ipsam '.
[3] Interlined.
[4] In the same form as that given in full on p. 119.

the five law-days after the feast of All Saints, in All Saints' church at Northampton. London, Old Temple, October 29, 1293.

CONVENTIO INTER PRIOREM ET FRATRES DE SANCTO BOTULPHO ORDINIS DE CARMELO ET MAGISTRUM GIFFR' DE VEZANO RECTOREM ECCLESIE DE SANCTO BOTULPHO.[1] Note of the bishop's acceptance, under his seal, of an indenture made between the Prior and convent of the Carmelites at Boston, of the one part, and Master Geoffrey de Vezano, papal nuncio and rector of Boston, of the other, and sealed with their seals and that of the provincial prior of the Carmelites. By this indenture, the Carmelites were to have a church and churchyard, with the right of burying their own members and other people who specially requested it, in return for giving to the rector one third of the offerings, in money and in kind, made to the said church at the time of burials. The Carmelites also undertook not to admit outsiders to their church on Easter Day, to restore to the rector any offerings which they received on feast-days, to encourage the parishioners to pay tithes to the rector and to pay them themselves on any land which they might acquire. London, Old Temple, October 28, 1293.

Noverint universi presentes litteras inspecturi quod hec est conventio facta inter priorem et fratres domus de sancto Botulpho ordinis beate Marie de Carmelo ex parte una et magistrum Giffredum de Vezano apostolice sedis Anglie nuncium , rectorem parochialis ecclesie de sancto Botulpho Lincoln' diocesis ex altera , videlicet quod idem Giffredus divine caritatis intuitu et interventu precum multarum fidedignarum personarum consentit quod ipsi prior et fratres ecclesiam , domus et cimiterium habeant in parochia supradicta , et quod in ipsa ecclesia divina celebrari possint , et fratres suos libere in ipso cimiterio sepelire , et alios qui ibidem elegerint sepulturam , jure parochialis ecclesie et dignitate ecclesie Lincoln' , ac etiam auctoritate et jure pontificali in hiis et omnibus ea contingentibus semper salvis . Dicti vero prior et fratres ut ipse rector et predicta ecclesia ejus parochialis conserventur indempnes promiserunt dicto rectori pro se et ecclesia sua parochiali predicta recipienti et stipulanti fideliter integre et sine aliqua fraude dare et solvere perpetuo pro se et successoribus suis qui pro tempore fuerint tertiam partem omnium et singularum oblationum proventuum ad eorum ecclesiam tam in pecunia quam in cereis et candelis atque cera , hoc acto expresse , quod nullum preter fratres suos eligentem sepulturam apud eos recipere vel sepellire[2] valeant , nisi primo corpus ad ecclesiam parochialem deferatur , et ibidem pro anima fiat quod fieri debitum et consuetum existit . Et quod die Pasche neminem ad communionem admittent preter fratres et famulos continue in

[1] Marginal drawing of the heads of two men. Both have long noses, and one wears a large pointed hood.

[2] *Sic.*

eorum domibus commorantes , et quod diebus Natalis domini , Pasche et festi sancti Botulphi et aliis si qui sunt quibus parochiani offerre debeant in dicta parochiali ecclesia , nullas recipiant oblationes , et si receperint eas integre rectori vel parochiali ecclesie restituere teneantur . Promiserunt insuper dicti prior et fratres pro se et successoribus sius quantum in eis erit efficaciter et diligenter inducere parochianos predicte parochialis ecclesie ad respondendum fideliter ipsi rectori vel ipsius locum tenenti et ejus successoribus seu iidem parochiali ecclesie de decimis personalibus et realibus et omnibus aliis juribus ad ipsam ecclesiam spectantibus . Et si contingat predictos priorem et fratres vel eorum successores domos , ortos[1] vel alios terras quascumque in predicta parochia emere vel alio modo adquirere promiserunt [*Folio 85*], tenentur et debent pro eisdem satisfacere rectori et ecclesie de decima exinde predicte parochiali ecclesie debita secundum estimationem fidedignarum personarum per predictum rectorem et priorem et fratres predictos electarum de parochia supradicta , et tam predictus prior et fratres quam dictus rector promiserunt sibi invicem predictam conventionem fideliter et inviolabiliter observare et in nullo contrafacere vel venire , et renunciarunt omnibus impetratis vel impetrandis contra premissa . In cujus rei testimonium facte sunt due scripture unius tenoris in modum cirographi , quarum una sigillata sigillo communitatis dictorum fratrum et sigillo prioris provincialis provincie Anglie ordinis predicti pre missam conventionem approbantis , et quantum in eo est ratam habentis et observari facere promittentis , residet penes magistrum Giffredum rectorem parochialis ecclesie supradicte , alia sigillata sigillo dicti rectoris residet penes dictos priorem et fratres seu conventum , et utrique scripture ad preces dictarum partium reverendus pater dominus Oliverus Lincoln' episcopus conventionem premissarum approbans et acceptans sigillum suum fecit apponi . Actum et datum London anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio V kalendas Novembris in die apostolorum Simonis et Jude.

Sentencia generalis pro cartis amotis. Mandate to the Archdeacon of Bedford to warn, and if necessary excommunicate, in the parish churches of Bedford and elsewhere, all those who had burgled the houses of Godfrey of Houghton, clerk, entering by night and stealing charters, so that the said Godfrey was in danger of losing his inheritance. London, Old Temple, October 30, 1293.

O. etc. , officiali . . . .[2] archidiaconi Bedeford' salutem etc . Godefrido de Hocton' clerico accepimus exponente quod quidam iniquitatis filii , personas quorum et nomina ignorat ut dicit , domos ipsius Godefridi apud Bedeford' noctanter ingredientes cartas ejusdem et res alias ibidem repertas violenter et nequiter amoverunt

[1] *Sic, recte* ' hortos '. [2] Blank in MS.

et eas detinent sic amotas , ex quo exhereditationis periculum preter alia dampna que incurrit sibi metuens proventurum , de remedio per nos ei petiit subveniri . Cum igitur contrectatio illicita et temeraria invasio rei aliene sint prohibite utriusque testamenti pagina , cujus prohibitionis transgressores nisi peniteant filii perditionis sunt censendi , nos pro salute transgressorum hujusmodi si forte adicere voluerint ut resurgant , et dampnum passo in hac parte remedio adhibendo solliciti existentes , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus omnes transgressores predictos ac hujusmodi facti participes in ecclesiis parochialibus Bedeford' et aliis de quibus videritis expedire tribus diebus dominicis seu festivis intra missarum solempnia per vos seu alios in genere moneatis quod cartas et res predictas infra octo dies a vestre monitionis tempore numerandos quatenus eis est possibile restituant aut alias satisfaciant de eisdem , seu id quod de ipsis noverunt dicto Godefrido per se vel per alios , ea adhibita cautela , quod cuiquam periculum non imineat in hoc casu , studeant fideliter revelare . Alioquin omnes transgressores predictos aliis tribus diebus dominicis in ecclesiis et hora pretactis , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , solempniter et pupplice in genere excommunicetis seu excommunicari taliter faciatis . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' IIII kalendas Novembris anno etc.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Adam son of Roger Ascelyn of Bolnhurst (Bollehirst') acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, October 31, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters in the same form to Gilbert de Eston'[1] and Walter of Wainfleet (Waynflet'), deacons, and canons of Stixwould (Stikeswald')[2] to receive the priesthood. London, Old Temple, November 2, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters in the same form to Jordan of King's Sutton (Sutton' Regis) to receive all holy orders. London, Old Temple, November 2, 1293.

Relaxatio sequestri. Note of the relaxation of the sequestration of the fruits of the church of Pattishall (Patishill') in the deanery of Brackley, belonging to Godstow Abbey, which had been sequestrated on a report that the said fruits had been sold or farmed out. London, Old Temple, November 3, 1293.

Commissio. Commission to Master William of Langworth (Langewath') canon of Lincoln and to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, to discharge the executors of the will of Simon son of Herbert of Edlington (Edelington'). London, Old Temple, November 3, 1293.

[1] The modern form of this name might be either Aston or Easton.
[2] See p. 81 *n*.

Concessio officii tabellionatus.[1] Grant by which the bishop, in virtue of the right granted to him by Nicholas IV, conferred the office of notary public upon John Roberts of Clipston. The words which the bishop used are given in full, and the grant was drawn up by John Ranulph of Ferriby and Master Albert of Bologna, notaries public, and witnessed by Nicholas, prior of Llanthony Prima, Robert, prior of St. Andrew's Northampton, Master Jocelyn of Kirmington, Master Robert of Kilworth and Sir William of Stockton, Master Amanus Galen' canon of St. Asaph, Sir John Maunsel rector of Brington and many others, in the Carmelite church in London, October 23, 1293.

Oliverus etc. , dilecto nobis in Christo Johanni Roberti de Clippeston' nostre diocesis clerico in minoribus ordinibus salutem in domino sempiternam . Litteras sanctissimi patris domini Nicholai pape quarti mense Novembris anno domini nonagesimo primo recepimus sub hac forma : — Nicholaus episcopus servus servorum dei venerabili fratri O. episcopo Lincoln' salutem etc. : — ut in folio sexto et quinto quaterno hujus libri expressius continetur.[2] Nos igitur concessam nobis per dictas litteras quas sanas et integras , non rasas , non cancellatas , non abolitas nec in aliqua sui parte suspectas recepimus potestatem in persona solius Johannis Ranulphi de Feriby ad hujusmodi officium idonei sufficienter inventi predictum sibi concedendo officium XVIII kalendas Januarii anno domini supradicto , pontificante dicto domino papa , initiatam in persona tua , cujus peritia et circumspectio , fidelitas et morum honestas ex familiarum et juratorum nostrorum ac aliorum fidedignorum testimonio te nobis multipliciter recomendant , ad presens consummare volentes , dictum tabellionatus officium ad quod te per diligentem examinationem reperimus idoneum , juramento prius a te secundum formam predictarum litterarum apostolicarum recepto , tibi ut illud prudenter et fideliter exequaris [*Folio 85v*] et ad te cum necesse fuerit in hiis que ad officium ipsum pertinent recurratur concedimus per presentes . In cujus rei testimonium presentes litteras per dictum Johannem Ranulphi de Feriby notarium scribi et pupplicari fecimus , ac magistri Alberti de Bononia notarii pupplici subscriptione , nostrique sigilli appensione muniri . Datum London' in domo fratrum ordinis beate Marie de Carmelo decimo kalendas Novembris anno domini millesimo CC. nonagesimo tertio , presentibus fratre Nicholao priore Lanton' Prime , fratre Roberto priore sancti Andree Norhamton' , magistro Gocelino archidiacono Stowe in ecclesia Lincoln' , magistro Roberto de Kyvelingwurth' et domino Willelmo de Stokton' canonicis ejusdem ecclesie Lincoln' , magistro Amano Galen' canonico Assavens' , domino Johanne Maunsel rectore ecclesie de Brincton' Lincoln' diocesis et pluribus aliis testibus de premissa.

[1] Marginal drawing of a hand. [2] L.R.S. 48, pp. 170-2.

Vocatio. Verba autem quibus usus est episcopus in concessione officii tabellionatus de qua in precedenti littera continetur sunt hec : — In dei nomine amen . Cum a felicis recordationis domino Nicholao papa quarto nobis Olivero permissione divina Lincoln' episcopo[1] concedendi tabellionatus officium duabus personis idoneis sub certa forma in litteris ejusdem domini pape contenta dudum plena fuisset attributa facultas , nosque earundem litterarum optentu soli Johanni de Feriby ad hujusmodi officium idoneo sufficienter invento decimo octavo kalendas Januarii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo primo , pontificante domino papa predicto , ipsum tabellionatus officium secundum formam litterarum ipsarum duxerimus concedendum , potestatem nobis in hac parte concessam ad presens consummare volentes , tibi Johanni de Clippeston' clerico nostre diocesis in minoribus ordinibus constituto , quem ad nominatum officium in litteratura et aliis in hac parte requirendis per diligentem examinationem idoneum esse reperimus , dictum tabellionatus officium , recepto prius a te secundum formam in litteris antedictis expressam ad sancta dei ewangelia juramento , auctoritate freti predicta concedimus per presentes ut illud tam prudenter quam fideliter exequaris , et ad te cum necesse fuerit in hiis que ad officium tuum pertinent recurratur.

Recognitio rectoris de munden'. Letters patent declaring that Master Simon de Sture, rector of Munden and executor of the will of Master John of Maidstone, had acknowledged the receipt of fifty shillings sterling, paid by Master Nicholas of Waltham, executor of Eleanor Countess of Leicester,[2] in partial payment of a debt. London, Old Temple, November 9, 1293.

Universis presentes litteras inspecturis Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus salutem in salutis auctore . Universitati vestre patifacimus per presentes quod magister Simon de Sture rector ecclesie de Mundene nostre diocesis , executor testamenti bone memorie magistri Johannis de Maideston' , V idus Novembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio apud Vetus Templum London' in presentia nostra constitutus confitebatur se recepisse quinquaginta solidos sterlingorum a magistro Nicholao de Waltham executore clare memorie Alienore[2] quondam comitisse Leycestr' in partem solutionis debiti in quo dicta comitissa predicto magistro Johanni tenebatur , et de tanto dictum magistrum Nicholaum et coexecutores suos predictos et alias personas quascumque conservaturum indempnes . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum die , loco et anno domini supradictis.

[1] Interlined.

[2] This must refer to Eleanor, widow of Simon de Montfort. The duchy of Leicester had passed to Edmund, younger son of Henry III, in 1265. He married successively Aveline de Fortibus and Blanche of Artois.

Pro roberto de fakenham. Note that the accounts of Robert of Fakenham in his capacity as administrator of the goods of the vicar of Beaconsfield (Beknesfeld') were entered in the roll of corrections for the fourteenth year of Sutton's episcopate.

Pro amovenda vi laica ab ecclesia de thame. Request to the King to remove certain laymen who were occupying the church of Thame by force of arms. London, Old Temple, November 11, 1293.

Excellentissimo domino suo etc . Oliverus etc . Cum nonnulli viri laici ad villam de Tham' nostre diocesis accedentes ecclesiam loci ejusdem temere fuit[1] ingressi , ipsam vi et armis occupatam nequiter detinentes quominus officium nostrum spirituale excercere[2] valeamus in ea , excellenciam vestram attentius exoramus quatinus hujusmodi vim laicam et temerariam ob reverenciam sacrosancte ecclesie facere velitis penitus amoveri . Valeat dominatio vestra in domino per tempora longiora . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' II idus Novembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Indulgencia. Grant of forty days' indulgence to all who should say a Paternoster and an Ave Maria for the soul of William de La Corner, Bishop of Salisbury, whose body is buried in Salisbury Cathedral. London, Old Temple, November 12, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Master Robert, rector of Muston (Muston'), to receive the diaconate and priesthood from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, November 12, 1293.

Contra magistrum et scolares de bayliof' oxon'. Mandate to the Archdeacon of Oxford to restrain the Master and scholars of Balliol from throwing open their chapel to other scholars on All Saints' Day and other festivals. The mandate was issued in response to a complaint made by the Abbot and convent of Osney. London, Old Temple, November 12, 1293.

Item, eisdem die , loco et anno scriptum fuit . . . . . .[3] archidiacono Oxon' sub hac forma : — O. etc . Dilectis in Christo filiis magistro et scolaribus de Balliolo litteram nostram concessimus sub hac forma : — ut in ultimo folio noni quaterni hujus libri memorandorum plenius continetur[4] . Nunc autem religiosi vivi abbas et conventus [*Folio 86*] Osneye nobis sunt conquesti quod iidem magister et scolares gracie sibi facte tanquam immemores modificationes in prefata nostra littera nostra[2] in favorem matricis ecclesie insertas contempnere seu parvipendere non verentes , non tantum ipsam ecclesiam in majoribus festivitatibus prout tenentur visitare non curant , set[2] in suo oratorio antedicto in majoribus festivitatibus ,

[1] *Sic, recte* ' fuerunt '. [2] *Sic.* [3] Blank in MS. [4] See p. 97.

puta in festo omnium sanctorum et aliis cum multitudine scolarium pro divinis inibi audiendis ad eos confluentium , missam alta voce et cum solempnitate maxima celebrarunt , quodque capellanus in oratorio memorato ministrans de indempnitate predicte matricis ecclesie juxta ordinationem nostram prefatis religiosis viris seu eorum vicario in matrici ecclesia sepedicta non juravit nec optulit juramentum . Hunc est quod discretioni vestre committimus et mandamus quatinus suprascriptos magistrum et scolares moneatis et efficaciter inducatis quod predictas modificationes per omnia studeant observare , alioquin graciam in hac parte sibi factam , prout eis extitit comminatum , sine tarditate qualibet revocetis . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' II idus Novembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri XIIII.

Pro capitulo bethleemit' de questu. Note that the letters authorising the collection of alms for the Bethlehem hospitals[1] was renewed, with slight textual changes, for three years or until the bishop should revoke them. London, Old Temple, November 13, 1293.

Idibus Novembris anno quartodecimo apud Vetus Templum London' exivit quedam littera[2] questuaria pro capitulo Bethleemitano sub forma eis prius concessa que est in quarto folio secundi quaterni hujus libri , hoc extracto , quod ubi dicitur in illa ' licet sanctissimus pater dominus Nicholaus papa etc . ' in ista dicebatur ' Licet bone memorie ' . Et ubi dicebatur in illa ' interdixerit omnino ' in ista dicebatur ' eundem interdixisset omnino ' . Et addita in fine hac clausula ' Presentes autem litteras per triennium tantum durare volumus , nisi eas interim certa de causa duxerimus revocandas ' .

Absolutio et dispensatio magistri ricardi de leyc'. Ratification of the absolution granted by John de Cestrelade, O.P., to Master Richard of Leicester, D.C.L., rector of Eydon, who had continued to teach at Oxford after being ordained priest, despite the bishop's express prohibition. A dispensation was added to cover any irregularities committed by the said Master Richard while he was excommunicated. London,[3] November 13, 1293.

Universis ad quos presentes littere pervenerint , Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus salutem in auctore salutes . Sua nobis magister Ricardus de Leyc' , juris civilis professor , rector ecclesie de Eydon' nostre diocesis humili confessione monstravit quod in sentenciam excommunicationis a canone latam dampnabiliter incidit pro eo quod in jure civili post ordinem presbiteratus a nobis adeptum et etiam contra nostram inhibitionem actualiter docere et ultra duas menses legendo temere continuare presumpsit .

[1] See L.R.S. 48, pp. 53-4. [2] Interlined. [3] Presumably at the Old Temple.

Et licet idem magister Ricardus priusquam divinis se voluit immiscere statim post cessationem in lectura pretacta a fratre Johanne de Cestrelade ordinis fratrum predicatorum Oxon' *pro penitenciario nostro se gerente*[1] a dicta sentencia se ut asseruit procuravit absolvi , ut hujusmodi absolutionem sibi ut premittitur auctoritate nostra impensam ratam habere nostrasque litteras sibi super hoc concedere , ac super nota infamie et irregularitatis si quam contraxit occasione premissa , de quo conscienciam suam in nullo ledi dicebat , quantum ad nos pertinuit secum dispensare misericorditer dignaremur . Nos igitur attendentes quod ecclesia nemini claudit gremium redeunti , absolutionem dicto magistro Ricardo a prefata sentencia nostra nomine prestitam ut predicitur ratam habentes , eundem magistrum Ricardum premissa nobis humiliter denuo confitentem ad ipsius instanciam ex habundanti juxta formam ecclesie absolvimus , super nota infamie et irregularitatis si quam in hac parte contraxit quantum ad nos pertinebat dispensantes misericorditer cum eodem . In cujus rei testimonium litteras nostras sibi fieri fecimus has patentes . Datum London' idibus Novembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Commissio. Commission to the Dean of Framland and to Master William rector of Harby (Herdeby) to discharge Master Robert of Redmile (Redemild') and his fellow-executors of the will of Richard Barnack (Bernak') of Barkestone (Barkeston'). London, Old Temple, November 15, 1293.

Littera testimonialis de institutione walteri de maydenstan' in ecclesia de neyleston'. Letters patent announcing that the bishop had instituted Walter of Maidstone subdeacon to the church of Nailstone, at the presentation of Sir John de Hasting' knight, on August 2, 1292, provided that the said Walter would cease to claim the right to administer the church of Newchurch in Kent, which he had held (although without institution, commendation or custody) during the pleasure of Archbishop Pecham, in plurality with a mediety of the church of ? Kirkby Lonsdale, which was also in dispute. London, Old Temple, November 15, 1293.

Tenore presentium pateat universis quod nos Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectum nobis in Christo Walterum de Maydenestan' subdiaconum ad ecclesiam de Nayleston' nostre diocesis vacantem nobis per dominum Johannem de Hasting' militem presentatum , ad ipsam admisimus et rectorem IIII nonas Augusti anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo canonice instituimus in eadem , prefato prius ab eodem Waltero ad sancta dei ewangelia juramento quod optenta possessione ecclesie de Nayleston' supradicte de administratione pertinencium ad ecclesiam de Neucherch'

[1] * , ... , * interlined.

Cantuar' diocesis cujus inde detentioni sine institutione , commendatione aut custodia ad beneplacitum bone memorie domini Johannis Cantuar' archiepiscopi , donec idem dominus archiepiscopus de eadem ecclesia aliter ordinaret , tunc tempus ut asseruit incumbebat , et eam[1] una cum medietate[1] ecclesie de Kyrkeby in Kendale Ebor' diocesis litigiosa taliter detinebat ut dixit , se extunc nullatenus intromitteret ratione detentionis prioris . In cujus rei testimonium etc . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XVII kalendas Decembris , anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

[*Folio 86*v.]

Indulgencia. Grant of twenty days' indulgence to all who should contribute to the rebuilding of the cathedral and priory of Carlisle, recently destroyed by fire. Given under the bishop's seal, London, Old Temple, November 16, 1293.

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes litteras inspecturis , Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus salutem in omnium salvatore . Inter medicamenta varia quibus peccata redimuntur et severitas summi judicis in misericordiam commutatur non minimum reputamus constructioni seu reparationi piorum subvenire locorum in quibus omnium conditor et redemptor jugiter veneratur et colitur , delictorum venia imploratur , ac alias operibus insistitur pietatis . Cum igitur cathedralem ecclesiam monasterii de Karleolo ac cetera edificia loci ejusdem ignis urentis casu miserabili consumpserit jam vorago , nos desolationi monasterii predicti pie compatientes ac de dei omnipotentis misericordia , beatissime virginis Marie , gloriosi confessoris sancti Hugonis ac omnibus sanctorum meritis confidentes omnibus parochianis nostris , ac aliis ad quorum diocesani hanc nostram indulgenciam ratam habuerint , de peccatorum suorum maculis vere penitentibus et confessis , qui ad constructionem seu reparationem prefati monasterii et ecclesie ipsius de bonis sibi a deo collatis grata contulerint subsidia caritatis viginti dies de injuncta sibi penitencia misericorditer relaxamus . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XVI kalendas Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Commissio contra intrusores de thame. Commission to the officials of the Archdeacons of Oxford and Buckingham, and to the rural deans of Cuddesdon, Aston, Wendover and Waddesdon, conjointly or severally, to proceed in all possible ways against those who were occupying the church of Thame against the will of Master Thomas of Sutton its lawful prebendary, causing Mass to be said in it while it was technically desecrated, and collecting its revenues. A report was to be made to the bishop. London, Old Temple, November 17, 1293.

[1] Interlined.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis . . . . .[1] Oxon' . . . . .[1] Buck archidiaconorum officialibus ac . . . . . .[1] de Cuddisdon' . . . . . .[1] Aston' . . . . . .[1] Wendovere et . . . . . .[1] Wuttesdon decanis salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Auctores sacrilegii in cimiterio et ecclesia prebendali de Tham' in ecclesia nostra de Lincoln' nuper notorie commissi , parietes dicte ecclesie de Thame nequiter perforando et ad eam incendendum ignem ostio ipsius supponendo , illam temere invadendo , ipsum locum sacrum per sanguinis extractionem violentam inibi factam viliter maculando ac alia illicita ibidem dampnabiliter committendo , cum suis complicibus a jure excommunicatos esse sub certa forma jampridem in genere denunciavimus , necnon in omnes impedientes collationem nostram eadem prebendo magistri Thome de Sutton' presbiteri rite factam , seu ipsam prebendam temere invadentes , occupantes seu etiam detinentes similiter cum suis complicibus et sub certa forma majoris excommunicationis sentenciam legitime duximus promulgandum , et tam in partibus de Tham' quam alibi in diocese nostra per alios solempniter tales denunciari fecimus justicia suadente . Verum quia nonnulli de sacrilegiis invasoribus et malefactoribus supradictis et alii prefatam ecclesiam in prejudicium ecclesie nostre Lincoln' predicte et auctoritatis episcopalis contemptum , ac contra voluntatem magistri Thome de Sutton' predicti veri prebendarii ejusdem occupare , proventus et oblationes ipsius prebende usurpare et contrectare presumunt in eodem loco ut premittitur execrato divina per sacerdotem Belial celebrari , immo quantum in ipsum est verius prophanari , et alia execrabilia illic facientes fieri notorie sic ligati , ad procedendum contra sacrilegos et transgressores hujusmodi juxta viam notorii vel alio modo legitimo prout ipsius negotii qualitas et natura requirunt , ac statuendum , decernendum et faciendum ulterius in premissis et circa ea quod justum et equum decreveritis ac consonum rationi vobis conjunctim et cuilibet vestrum per se divisim vices nostras committimus cum cohercionis canonice potestate , mandantes quatinus de processu vestro toto in hac parte nos reddatis vel unus vestrum reddat congruo tempore in forma debita certiores . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XV kalendas Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri quartodecimo.

Contra eosdem.[2] Mandate to the officials of the Archdeacons of Oxford and Buckingham, and to the rural deans of Cuddesdon, Aston, Wendover and Waddesdon, to instruct all the parishioners of Thame to regard Master Thomas of Sutton and no other as their lawful incumbent, to shun all those persons who had been excommunicated for their part in the attack on the church of Thame, and

[1] Blank in MS.
[2] Very small marginal drawing of a melancholy face.

to attend no divine service therein until the church had been reconciled. A report was to be made to the bishop. London, Old Temple, November 15, 1293.

Item , O. etc. . . . . .[1] Oxon' . . . . .[1] Buck' archidiaconorum officialibus , ac . . . . . .[1] de Cuddesdon' , de Aston' , Wendovere et Wuttesdon' decanis salutem etc . Quamvis prebendam de Thame in ecclesia nostra Lincoln' per mortem domini Willelmi Ferre ultimi prebendarii ejusdem de jure et de facto vacante dilecto in Christo filio magistro Thome de Sutton' presbitero canonice contulerimus jam est diu , stallum in choro et locum in capitulo ratione ejusdem prebende in ecclesia nostra assignari , quorum plena possessione hactenus est gavisus et adhuc letare noscitur in presenti , ac in corporalem possessionem vel quasi aliarum[2] pertinenciarum et jurium ejusdem prebende utputa ecclesie de Thame predicte cum suis appendiciis et juribus universis in cujusmodi possessione plena et pacifica circiter per tres menses notorie persistebat prout moris est facientes induci , nonnulli tamen injuriosi viri semita justicie derelicta , cupiditatis errore abducti , quadam machinatione callidoque commento et mendicato colore simulato dictum prebendarium quantum ad possessionem ecclesie de Thame predicte per invasionem sacrilegam et occupationem temerariam , quos cum suis auctoribus et fautoribus in hujusmodi criminibus excommunicatos esse jampridem sollempniter denuncia- [*Folio 87*] vimus et per alios fecimus pupplice nunciari , injuste molestare et absque cause cognitione temere inquietare per aliquod tempus nequiter presumpserunt ac non sine malicia adhuc presumunt , in prejudicium juris ecclesie nostre Lincoln' , auctoritatis episcopalis contemptum ac dicti prebendarii dispendium non modicum et gravamen . Nos vero collationem nostram rite factam debitum per omnia sortiri effectum , ac jura ecclesie nostre predicte quantum in nobis est illesa servari , auctoritatis episcopalis immo ecclesiastice censure vigorem ad rebellionem et contumaciam perversorum continendam cum res expostulet excercere[3] , statumque dicti prebendarii in premissis ex debito officii defendere ac tueri volentes , vobis omnibus et cuilibet vestrum per se in virtute obediencie et sub pena excommunicationis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus parochianos dicte prebendalis ecclesie de Thame quotiens ex parte dicte magistri Thome fueritis requisiti , per vos vel alios , diebus et locis , viis et modis quibus magis videritis expedire , nunc in genere nunc in speciale moneatis et efficaciter inducatis ut prefatum magistrum Thomam verum prebendarium suum virtute collationis nostre de dicta prebenda canonice sibi facte plenius agnoscentes , attendentesque quod onus non remittitur sed augetur cum cuiquam improvide solvitur quod alii ex debito est prestandum , soli prebendario predicto vel suis nomine ipsius decimas et alia jura ecclesiastica sibi debita

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cum devota promptitudine et prompta devotione solvere , seu de eisdem ita quod dictus prebendarius dictorum parochianorum gratitudinem merito valeat collaudare et nos ipsorum devotionem commendare possumus alias satisfacere non omittant , sibique et ministris per ipsum deputandis vicario suo absente quoad auditionem divinorum , receptionem sacramentorum ecclesiasticorum et consimilium quos cultus Christianus requirit decetero intendent , seduli precaventes quod in ecclesia de Tham' predicta per sanguinis extractionem a quibusdam impiis sacrilegis et satellitibus impietatis in dicta ecclesia nuper temere factam enormiter prophanata , quos quidem sacrilegos excommunicatos fecimus , ut dicti parochiani bene norunt , sollempniter pupplicari , a quoquam divina audire seu officiationi cuiquam ibidem[1] interesse quousque auctoritate pontificali fuerit reconciliata decetero non presumant . Ceterum subditos nostros per communionem cum dictis excommunicatis habendam infici et contagionis labe fedari , ipsosque maledictos in contemptu clavum ecclesie et sua malicia foveri nolentes , vobis omnibus et singulis vestrum divisim committimus et firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus pupplico proposito edicto districtius inhibeatis ne quis cum sacrilegis invasoribus et malefactoribus predictis excommunicatis ut premittitur in emendo , vendendo , qualitercumque contrahendo , edendo , bibendo aut alias quovismodo illicite communicare presumat , alioquin omnes et singulos in contrarium facere attemptantes per censuram ecclesiasticam canonice compescatis seu compescat super hoc vestrum quilibet requisitus , ad quod faciendum vobis conjunctim et divisim vices nostras committimus per presentes . Vos autem qualiter in premissis duxeritis procedendum nos de processu et facto vestro in hac parte reddatis , seu vestrum unus qui hujusmodi mandatum fueritis executus reddat , congruo tempore certiores . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XV kalendas Decembris anno ut supra.

Commissio. Commission to Master William of Langworth (Langewath') canon of Lincoln and to Robert of Burton to discharge the executors of the wills of Thomas vicar of Frodingham (Frothingham), ...[2] mother of Master William of Hemswell (Helmeswell') and Aselia[3] wife of William of Stockton (Stocton'). London, Old Temple, November 19, 1293.

Commissio reconciliationis. Commission to the Treasurer of Lincoln Cathedral to reconcile the churchyard of Caythorpe (Catthorp'), polluted by bloodshed. London, Old Temple, November 19, 1293.

[1] Interlined. [2] Blank in MS.
[3] *Sic.* I have not met this name elsewhere, but it may be a variant of 'Ascelina'.

Pro nicholao de cateby de oxon'. To the Chancellor and regent-masters of the university of Oxford, asking them to investigate the case of Nicholas of Catesby, who had complained to the bishop that he had been unjustly excommunicated by the said Chancellor, and to do right therein. London, Old Temple, November 20, 1293.

O. etc. , cancellario universitatis Oxon' ac cetui magistrorum ejusdem salutem etc . Nicholao de Cateby de Oxon' accepimus conquerente quod vos cancellarius per vos vel per alium ipsum Nicholaum absentem non per contumaciam absque causa rationabile contra statuta generalis concilii majoris excommunicationis sentencia nimis voluntarie innodastis seu innodari fecistis injuste . Nos vero dicti Nicholai erga nos cum effectu instantis pro optinendo remedio in hac parte petitionem , qui si nobis suggesta per ipsum veritate nitantur , juris munimine in prosequendo videtur fulcitus obaudire sana consciencia non valentes , florentissimi studii vestri profectum qui ex inquietudine plurimorum noscitur impediri affectu sincere zelantes , prefatum Nicholaum ad vos duximus remittendum , vestram discretionem monentes quatinus attento quantum dedeceat injurias inde nasci unde jura nascuntur corrigatis cautius per vosipsos si quid forsan minus provide attemptatum fuerit contra ipsum , ne eidem nos iterata querela pulsanti viam juris quodammodo inviti concedere compellamur . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XII kalendas Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

[*Folio 87v.*]

Pro rectore de edwurth'. Mandate to the official of the Archdeacon of Bedford, on the complaint of Hugh rector of Edworth, to instruct the people of the rural deanery of Shefford to contribute to the expenses payable to the said Hugh as dean. London, Old Temple, November 21, 1293.

O. etc. , ...[1] officiali . . . . . .[1] archidiaconi Bed' salutem etc . Hugo rector de Edwurth' nobis conquerendo monstravit quod ipsum ad susceptionem officii decanatus de Schefford' compellere nitimini , nichil sibi assignato in recompensationem suorum sumptuum et laboris , propter quod ad nostram audienciam ut asserit appellavit . Nos vero inter vos et subditos vestros pacis tranquillitatem magis nutrire quam litem que quandoque rumpit vinculum caritatis , vobis suadendo mandamus quatinus prefatos subditos ad hujusmodi officiorum onere supportanda per allectivas exhortationes inducere studeatis , cum ea subire maxime propriis stipendiis compelli non valeant ut videtur inviti . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XI kalendas Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

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Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to John of Swinford (Swyneford') and Hamo de Lysurs of Wolverton (Wulverton') acolytes to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, November 21, 1293.

Pro executione testamenti walteri de thornhagh' civis lincoln'. Mandate to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, and to Guy of Riseholme, executor of the will of Walter of Thornhaugh[1] citizen of Lincoln, to investigate charges of peculation made against Guy's fellow-executor Ralph of Snelland, and to administer the will of the said Walter as efficiently and inexpensively as possible. London, Old Temple, November 21, 1293.

O. etc. , Roberto de Burton sequestratori nostri salutem etc . Nuper ad nostrum pervenit auditum quod Radulphus de Snelleslund' executor testamenti quondam Walteri de Thornhagh' civis Lincoln' et Wydo de Rysum in administrando auctoritate nostra associatus eidem in administratione sua aliter quam deceret se habent in tantum quod ex facto eorum in civitate Lincoln' oblocutio magna est suborta . Nos vero deficientium voluntates ultimas debito mancipari effectui cupientes , ac de vestra fidelitate quam etiam idem defunctus in executione ultime voluntatis sue elegisse et approbasse dicitur confidentes , vobis dictis Roberto et Wydoni duximus adjungendum mandantes quatinus circa bona dicti defuncti illicite amota et hactenus male administrata quatenus juste fieri poterit remedium congruum adhibere curetis , de voluntate dicti defuncti exnunc vendenda , sine dissimulatione qualibet fideliter distrahentur , ac inanibus sumptibus et expensis inutilibus faciendis quantum est possibile occurratur . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' XI kalendas Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri XIIII.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to William of Leighton (Leghton') acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, November 22, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters in the same form granted to Hamo son of Norman of Ashby (Askeby) deacon to receive the priesthood. London, Old Temple, November 22, 1293.

Processus nominationis magistri rogeri de martivall' ad officium cancellarie oxon'.[2] Note of the appointment of Master Roger de Mortival, D.D., as Chancellor of the University of Oxford in succession to Master Simon of Ghent who had resigned. (The letters from Convocation announcing that he had been chosen

[1] The early forms of this name cannot be distinguished from those of Thorney (co. Notts.) and it is possible that Walter came from this place.

[2] Marginal drawing of the head of a man wearing a scholar's cap.

and empowering Master Henry of Benniworth, D.C.L., and Master William Bonkes', M.A., to act as proctors of the university in this matter are given in full and dated at Oxford, November 20, 1293.) Some delay was caused by the fact that Master Henry and Master William tried to insist that they were acting simply as messengers announcing an election and not as proctors seeking confirmation of the rights of a person nominated to an appointment, and also by the failure of Master Roger to appear before the bishop in person. The appointment was provisionally confirmed in the presence of Masters Thomas of Sutton, Jocelyn of Kirmington, John Le Fleming, Walter of Wootton and Robert of Kilworth, canons of Lincoln, and of John de Scalleby priest and John of Ferriby notary public, at the Old Temple, London, November 22, 1293, and finally confirmed at the Old Temple, London, November 23, 1293.[1]

Memorandum quod decimo kalendas Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio apud Vetus Templum London' venerunt ad episcopum magistri Henricus de Benigwurth' in jure canonico et Willelmus Bonkes' in artibus apud Oxon' actualiter tunc regentes , et exhibuerunt episcopo quamdam clausam literam universitatis Oxon' sub hac forma : — Reverendo patri suo in Christo et domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo cetus humilis magistrorum salutem et obedienciam debitam et devotam . Affectionis paterne dilectionem habere vos condecet circa gerentes in agro studii sciencie margaritam que domum dei multipliciter convenustat in hiis que precipue non possunt absque denegatione gracie et juris injuria denegari . Hinc est quod cum magister Rogerus de Martivall' sacre theologie doctor a nostra universitate ad officium cancellarie per cessionem magistri Simonis de Gandavo vacantis concorditer sit electus , a vestre paternitatis benevolencia ejus electionem more solito petimus confirmari , talem igitur si placet vos exhibeatis in hac parte ut filiorum vestrorum sinceritas augeatur et paterne dilectionis caritas comprobetur . Valeat vestra paternitas reverenda per tempora longiora . Datum Oxon' in festo beati Edmundi regis et martyris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio . — Qua perlecta et plenius intellecta quesitum fuit a dictis magistro Henrico et Willelmo quid peterent . Ac prefatus magister Henricus recitans qualiter magister Simon de Gandavo ultimus cancellarius universitatis predicte officio cancellarie renunciaverat , magistrique universitatis magistrum Rogerum de Martivall' in sacre theologie pagina actualiter tunc regentem elegerant seu nominarunt solito more suo , petiit nomine ipsius universitatis electionem seu nominationem hujusmodi more solito per episcopum confirmari . Cumque quereretur ab eo an ad hoc petendum potestatem haberet , illam protinus exhiberet , post subterfugia aliqua exhibitum fuit per dictos magistros Henricum et Willelmum quoddam procuratorium sub hac forma : — Inspecturis

[1] See Trans. R. Hist. Soc., Fourth Series, vol. XXXI, pp. 1-16.

et audituris presentes litteras Christi fidelibus cetus unanimis magistrorum in universitate [*Folio 88*] Oxon' regentium salutem in omnium salvatore . Noverit universitas vestra quod cum per resignationem magistri Simonis de Gandavo doctoris sacre pagine nuper vacasset officium cancellarii universitatis prefate , et nos ad electionem cancellarii secundum consuetudinem hactenus usitatam procedentes magistrum Rogerum de Martivall' sacre theologie doctorem in nostrum cancellarium elegerimus , ad dictam electionem presentandam venerabili patri domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo , et ad petendum eam more solito confirmari , dilectos confratres nostros magistrum Henricum de Benigwurth' juris canonici professorem et Willelmum Bonkes' artium liberalium professorem procuratores nostros constituimus per presentes . In cujus constitutionis testimonium sigillum nostre communitatis presentibus est appensum . Datum Oxon' in festo sancti Edmundi regis et martyris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio . — Deinde quesito ab eis quare dictus magister Rogerus ad cancellarie officium nominatus ad episcopum personaliter non accessit , responderunt quod persona ipsius fuerat episcopo satis nota , et similiter occasione quarundam injuriarum per quosdam secularis potestatis ballivos universitati illatarum presencia ipsius tanquam unius de potentioribus carere non potuit universitas illa vice . Subsequenter querebatur ab eis per episcopum an premissa petebant fieri in absencia nominati ad officium predicti de gracia vel de jure , qui responderunt se petere quod negotium hujusmodi expediretur celeriter prout in nominationibus aliorum ad dictum officium nominatorum preteritis temporibus fieri consuevit . Cumque episcopus assereret quod nichil eis faceret in absencia nominati predicti nisi peterent expresse de gracia negotium expediri , tandem dicti magistri pro deliberatione secedentes et postmodum revertentes petebant expresse sibi graciam fieri in hac parte . Unde ad preceptum episcopi statim facta fuit quedam commissio et dictis magistris tradita sub hac forma :[1] — Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis magistris et scolaribus universitatis Oxon' salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Ad instanciam vestre devotionis officium cancellarie universitatis vestre magistro Rogero de Martivall' in theologia inter vos actualiter nunc regenti , ita quod hujusmodi commissio sibi absenti facta ad consequenciam alias non trahatur , ad presens de gracia speciali committimus per presentes donec aliud vobis super hoc dederimus in mandates . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' X kalendas Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio . Acta sunt hec presentibus magistris Thoma archidiacono Norhamt' , Gocelino archidiacono Stowe , Johanne le Flemeng' , Waltero de Wutton' et Roberto de Kevelingwurth' canonicis Lincoln', Johanne de Scalleby presbitero et Johanne de Feribi pupplico notario . Postmodum die sequente loco quo prius quia per

[1] The word ' Commissio ' is written in the margin.

inspectionem registri constabat quod magister Simon de Gandavo habuit quamdam commissionem amotis illis verbis 'Ita quod hujusmodi , commissio facta absenti ad consequenciam alias non trahatur tradita fuit dicto magistro Henrico consimilis commissio sub hac forma :[1] — Oliverus , etc. , ut in precedenti commissione , ad instanciam vestre devotionis officium cancellarie universitatis vestre magistro Rogero de Martivall' in theologia inter vos actualiter nunc regenti ad presens de gracia speciali committimus per presentes , donec aliud vobis super hoc dederimus in mandatis . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' IX kalendas Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Captio. Note of a request to the King for the arrest of William of Grendon (Grendon') and Walter son of Peter of Leicester (Leyc'), both living in Northampton, who had remained obdurate for more than forty days after being excommunicated by the Archdeacon of Northampton. London, Old Temple, November 24, 1293.

Pro ricardo wynger et comparochianis suis de knichton'. Mandate to the prebendal vicar of St. Margaret's, Leicester, to refrain from changing the method of collecting the tithe of milk until the bishop should come to Leicester in person and investigate a complaint made by Richard Wynger of Knighton and other parishioners of St. Margaret's. London, Old Temple, November 25, 1293.

O. etc. , vicario prebendalis ecclesie beate Margarete Leyc' salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Querelam Ricardi Wynger de Knichton' parochiani vestri pro se et comparochianis suis ejusdem ville nuper recepimus continentem quod licet de decima lactis secundum rationabilem modum decimandi quam a tempore cujus memoria non occurrit hactenus observarunt , et vos modum hujusmodi pro vestro tempore approbastis , iidem parochiani vobis satisfacere sint parati , vos tamen usum decimationis predicte ex diuturnitate et alias rationabiliter approbatum in ipsorum prejudicium et dampnum vicarie vestre quod occasione accepta inde surgere poterit in futurum de novo irrationabiliter immutare ut asserit attemptastis , super quo sibi de remedio congruo provideri per nos cum instancia postulavit . Nos vero caritatem inter vos et parochianos vestros quantum in nobis est foveri cupientes , vobis suademus quatinus si super alicujusmodi decimationis modo de novo exigendo a dictis parochianis [*Folio 88v*] questio noviter sit suborta , illam quousque ad partes vestras declinaverimus , ut tunc auditis hinc inde proponendis quod justum fuerit statuatur , differre et prorogare velitis . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' VII kalendas Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri XIIII.

[1] The word 'Commissio' is written in the margin.

Sentencia generalis. Mandate to the rural deans of Stamford, Ness and Peterborough, to excommunicate in three or four churches of each of their deaneries, as they should be required by the monks of St. Leonard's outside Stamford, all those maliciously infringing the rights and liberties of the said priory of St. Leonard. London, Old Temple, November 28, 1293.

O. etc. . . . . .[1] de Staunford' . . . . . .[1] de Nesso et . . . . . .[1] de Burgo decanis salutem etc . Cum auferentes ecclesiis sua jura et earundem libertates per maliciam infringentes seu sine fractione contentiose turbantes sint sacrorum constitutionum auctoritate majoris excommunicationis sentencia innodati , quod non solum de libertatibus generalibus universalis ecclesie set[2] de singularibus ecclesie cujuscumque intelligendum existit , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus in tribus vel quatuor ecclesiis decanatuum vestrorum singulorum de quibus per monachos prioratus sancti Leonardi extra Staunford' fueritis requisiti , tribus diebus dominicis seu festivis intra missarum solempnia omnes illos qui jura et libertates prioratus ejusdem scienter contra justiciam auferunt seu infringunt , vel libertates ejusdem per maliciam contentiose perturbant in dictam excommunicationis sentenciam incidisse et excommunicatos esse , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , solempniter et pupplice in genere denuncietis seu denunciari per alios faciatis . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' IIII kalendas Decembris pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

Commissio. Commission to the Archdeacon of Bedford to represent the bishop in judging the suit for divorce between Lauretta daughter of Henry Columbayn of Fenton (Fenton') of the one part, and Adam of Fenton of the other. The case had first been brought before the court of the Archdeacon of Stow, and had been reserved for the bishop's judgement. London, Old Temple, November 29, 1293.

Pro exactione palefridi prioris de kyma. Mandate to the official of the Archdeacon of Lincoln to give back to the Prior and convent of Kyme a sum of money which he had extorted from them by threatening not to return the prior's own palfrey, which the said prior, on the occasion of his installation, had lent to the Dean of Lafford who was representing the said official. If the official would not return the money he was to appear before the bishop or his commissaries on the next law-day after the feast of St. Hilary, and in the meanwhile he was to report to them by letters patent. London, Old Temple, November 28, 1293.

O. etc. , officiali archidiaconi Lincoln' salutem etc . Ex parte dilectorum in Christo filiorum . . . . . .[1] prioris et conventus de

[1] Blank in MS. [2] *Sic.*

Kyma nobis est gravis querela oblata quod cum dictus prior decano de Lafford' ipsum nomine vestro installanti non quemcumque equum suppositum set[1] palefridum suum proprium quem pro installatione hujusmodi nomine domini vestri archidiaconi predicti ex quamdam consuetudinem vos *illo non contenti pro dicto palefrido quem remisistis non modicam pecunie summam a dictis religiosis minus voluntarie exigatis*[2] ipsos ad solutionem ejusdem summe per censuram ecclesiasticam ut dicitur compellere comminantes injuste , super quo de oportuno remedio sibi provideri per nos fuit instantius postulatum . Nos vero attendentes quod non ignoretis qualiter sane constitutiones hujusmodi consuetudinem tanquam a lege mortis exortam reprobant et condempnant , quodque licet libera dantis oblatio forsan recipientem excuset , improba tamen exactio inficit exactorem , vos monemus et hortamur in domino quatinus si nobis in hac parte suggesta veritate nitantur , ab hujusmodi extortione pecunie que a radice avaricie procedere videtur cautius desistentes , quod domino vestro gratis oblatum fuerit in hac parte si vobis expedire visum fuerit admittatis , alioquin tenore presentium vos citamus quod proximo die juridico post festum sancti Hillarii coram nobis seu nostris commissariis aut commissario ubicumque tunc fuerimus in nostra diocese compareatis , dictis priori et conventui super premissis sicut justum fuerit responsuri , facturi et recepturi quod justicia suadebit . Vos autem quid super premissis facere decreveritis nos vel commissarios nostros aut commissarium dictis die et loco certificetis per vestras patentes litteras harum seriem continentes . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' IIII kalendas Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Roger of Lavendon (Lavenden'), living in Drayton, acolyte, to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, November 30, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters in the same form to Roger of North Mimms (Northmimmes) acolyte. London, Old Temple, December 1, 1293.

Licencia dedicandi altaris. Licence to the Prior and brethren of the Augustinian Hermits at Huntingdon to have an altar in their chapel dedicated by any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, December 1, 1293.

Commissio.[3] Commission to Master John Le Fleming (Flemeng') canon of Lincoln and to the Prior of St. James's outside Northampton to represent the bishop in all cases due to be brought before him on

[1] *Sic.* [2] * . . . . * interlined. [3] Marginal drawing of a hand.

the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the feast of St. Nicholas (December 6) in the church of All Saints, Northampton. London, Old Temple, December 3, 1293.

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Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to John of Stoke (Stokes), living in Hothorpe (Hothorp'), acolyte, to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, December 3, 1293.

Dimissorie. Letters in the same form to Peter de Bine of Greatworth (Gretwurth) acolyte. London, Old Temple, December 4, 1293.

Indulgencia. Grant of forty days' indulgence to all who should say a Paternoster and an Ave for the souls of Isabel de Fortibus, Countess of Albemarle, whose body is buried at Breamore (Brommore) in the diocese of Winchester, and of all the faithful departed. London, Old Temple, December 4, 1293.

Cantaria. Note of a grant made to John de Bridesthorn' of the right to have a private chapel in his manse at Adderbury, because he was more than sixty years old and burdened with secular cares. A mandate was sent to the Archdeacon of Oxford to implement this grant. London, Old Temple, December 6, 1293.

VIII idus Decembris anno XIIII apud Vetus Templum London' concessit episcopus Johanni de Bridesthorn' licenciam habendi cantariam in oratorio suo infra mansum suum apud Eadburber' constructo ad vitam ipsius Johannis sub conditionibus consuetis , rectore ecclesie de Eadburber' ad hoc prebente consensum , et fuit causa concessionis quod dictus Johannes sexagenarius et amplius secularibus negotiis totiens implicatus quod divinorum auditioni eo tempore quo in matrici ecclesia celebrantur interesse nequit multotiens quando vellet , et super hoc scriptum fuit . . . . . .[1] archidiacono Oxon' quod dictum Johannem uti libere permitteret concessa sibi gracia in hac parte.

Compositio inter magistrum Walterum de Wutton' rectorem ecclesie de Merston' et . . . . . .[1] abbatem et conventum sancti Nicholai Andegavie.[2]

Inspeximus by Bishop Sutton of two letters of the Abbot and convent of St. Nicholas, Anjou, dated April 22, 1290.

1. Appoint of Robert de Lavalle as proctor of the said abbot and convent in all suits concerned with the tithes and the manse of Marston Moretaine.

[1] Blank in MS. [2] Drawing of a hand in the margin.

2. Quitclaim to Master Walter of Wootton rector of Marston Moretaine, his successors and assigns, of all rights held by the said abbot and convent in the tithes and manse, together with a promise to pay forty marks sterling to cover legal expenses and damages which might be incurred in future. Given under the bishop's seal, London, Old Temple, December 11, 1293.

Per presens scriptum pateat universis quod nos Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus litteras religiosorum virorum . . . . . .[1] abbatis sancti Nicholai Andegavie sigillatas sigillo ejusdem abbatis et communi sigillo capituli ipsius monasterii ut prima facie videbatur, non rasas , non abolitas , non cancellatas nec in aliqua sui parte vitiatas , inspeximus sub continentia infrascripta : — Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes litteras pervenerint , frater Jacobus permissione divina abbas sancti Nicholai Andegavie et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in domino sempiternam . Universitatis vestre notum facimus per presentes quod nos in omnibus causis et negotiis nos et monasterium nostrum qualitercumque tangentibus coram quibuscumque judicibus ordinariis , delegatis , eorum commissariis vel vices gerentibus eorundem et coram venerabili patre domino . . . . . .[1] Lincoln' episcopo vel . . . . . .[1] officiale suo quibuscumque diebus et locis quotiens nos abesse contigerit , dilectum nobis in Christo fratrem Robertum commonachum nostrum presentium exhibitorem procuratorem nostrum in provincia Anglicana ordinamus , facimus et constitinmus , dantes eidem plenam potestatem et mandatum speciale nomine nostro et monasterii nostri agendi , defendendi , appellandi , appellationes prosequendi , quodlibet genus instrumenti liciti in animas nostras prosequendi , transigendi , componendi , pacificandi , pro nobis et contra nos conficiendi in judicio et extra , omni juri nostro in decimis quibuscumque de dominico seu dominio manerii . . . . . .[1] domini de Merston' juxta Bedeford' Lincoln' diocesis , et aliis rebus quibuscumque in eadem parochia nobis competenti renunciandi , dictas decimas et mansum in que eas coadunare consuevimus in villa de Merston' predicta alienandi , sentencias diffinitivas audiendi et judicata solvendi , alium procuratorem semel seu pluries loco sui substituendi ad omnia supradicta facienda et alia que per verum et legitimum procuratorem poterunt expediri , ratum habituri et gratum quicquid dictus Robertus procurator noster vel ab eo substitutus vel substituti nomine nostro et monasterii nostri in premissis duxerit vel duxerint faciendum , pro eodem etiam vel ab eo substituto vel substitutis vindicatum solvi promittimus sub rerum nostrarum ypotheca . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum una cum sigillo capituli nostri presentibus est appensum . Datum Andegav' in capitulo nostro die Mercurii proxima ante festo sancti Georgii martyris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo : — Item ,

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— Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes litteras visuris vel audituris , Jacobus permissione [*Folio 89v*] divina abbas monasterii beati Nicholai Andegavie et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in domino sempiternam . Noverit universitas vestra quod nos de unanimi consensu et voluntate capituli nostri , pro utilitate monasterii nostri damus et concedimus , remittimus et quietum clamamus a nobis et successoribus nostris in dicto monasterio Magistro Waltero de Wutton' rectori ecclesie de Merston' juxta Bedeford' Lincoln' diocesis et successoribus suis vel quibuscumque assignatis suis de consensu loci diocesani omne jus et clamium quod habemus vel habere speramus imposterum ratione proprietatis , possessionis aut alterius cujuslibet tituli in decimis quibuscumque de dominio seu dominico domini de Merston' predicta , et in manso quodam quod in eadem villa habemus in quo dictas decimas coadunare consuevimus imperpetuum possidendas , quietas ab omni retentione , actione vel impetitione nostra vel successorum seu procuratorum nostrorum , ita quod si[1] non obstantibus hujusmodi donatione , concessione , remissione et quieta clamatione per aliquam impetrationem vel alio modo dicte decime vel dictum mesuagium per nos vel successores nostros seu alios per quemcumque nomine nostro ad monasterium nostrum revocentur , seu per nos aut successores nostros seu procuratores nostros ab aliquo ipsius rectore vel dicti Walteri rectoris assignato qui pro tempore fuerit evincantur , aut si per vos vel successores nostros super premissis dicto rectori successoribus vel assignatis suis contentionem , controversiam seu litem moveri contigerit , seu eosdem vel aliquem eorundem per nos vexari , inquietari vel ad judicium evocari coram quocumque judice seculari vel ecclesiastico contigerit , volumus et expresse concedimus pro nobis et successoribus nostris quod extunc dicto rectori , successoribus vel assignatis , in quadraginta marcis sterlingorum per presentes teneamur obligati solvendum eidem rectori , successoribus vel assignatis suis , aut procuratori unius eorundem una cum dampnis et expensis que contra nos fecerit vel incurrit occasione premissorum infra viginti dies postquam ad judicium fuerit evocatus vel fuerint evocati , vel alias ut premittitur per nos super hoc fuerit impetitus vel fuerint impetiti , renunciantes pro nobis et successoribus nostris omni impetrationi a quacumque curia[1] facte seu faciende et cujuslibet constitutionis generalis seu specialis et cujuslibet juris beneficio et remedio nobis in futuro valituris . Ad que omnia fideliter et sine dolo et fraude inviolabiliter imposterum observanda , et in testimonium omnium premissorum , nos abbas et conventus predicti per fratrem Robertum de Lavalle commonachum et procuratorem nostrum jurandi in animas nostras plenam habentem potestatem et omnia alia faciendi que dictum negotium poterint contingere , prout in procuratorio nostro sibi facto plenius apparet , in presentia dicti rectoris et aliorum quos duxerit convocandum juramentum prestare

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volumus corporale , sigillum nostrum una cum sigillo communi capituli nostri presentibus duximus apponendum . Datum Andegav' in capitulo nostro die mercurii proxima ante festum sancti Georgii martiris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo . — Nos vero predictas donationem , cessionem , concessionem , remissionem et quietam clamationem approbantes , et eas quantum ad nos pertinet ratas habentes , ad devotam instanciam procuratoris dictorum religiosorum ac Magistri Walteri predicti auctoritate pontificali confirmamus . In quorum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' III idus Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Sentencia contra interfectores animalium Alani de Hoyland' et Emmicene uxoris sue de Hardeby.[1] Mandate to the dean of Lafford to warn, and if necessary excommunicate, in the church of Ewerby and two neighbouring churches, all those concerned in killing two oxen belonging to Alan and Emmicena of Holland, who had complained to the bishop that this wrong had been done to them by persons whom they could not identify. London, Old Temple, December 12, 1293.

O. etc. , ...[2] decano Lafford' salutem etc . Quando cujusquam criminis immanitas a deo se separat justum est et consonum rationi ut vigor censure ecclesiastice hujusmodi criminosum acrius procellat et severiter persequatur . Inde est quod Alani de Hoyland et Emcine[3] uxoris sue insinuatio lacrimosa nobis exposuit evicino quod quidam iniquitatis filii quorum nomina et personas ignorant ut dicunt in ipsorum dampnum et dispendium nequiter machinantes unum bovem jampridem et alium infra mensem in parochia de Iwardeby per excogitatam maliciam occidere presumpserunt , in eorundem Alani et Emcine depauperationem , dispendium non modicum et hujusmodi malefactorum animarum periculum pergrave , propter quod a sacrosancta ecclesia sibi de remedio congruo in hoc casu postularunt humiliter provideri , presertim cum non supersit contra occultos malefactores hujusmodi sibi alibi refugium competens ut asserint impetrandi . Nos igitur supplicationi prefatorum Alani et Emcine solummodo ratione peccati in deum et ipsos taliter dampnificatos commissi via qua possumus subvenire volentes , vobis mandamus firmiter injungendo quatinus in parochiali ecclesia de Iwardeby et duabus ecclesiis vicinis si videritis expedire tribus diebus dominicis post receptionem presentium intra missarum solempnia edicto pupplice proposito in genere moneatis seu per alios moneri solempniter faciatis omnes malefactores predictos ut dampnum passis in [*Folio 90*] hac parte infra quindenam a tempore noticie monitionis hujusmodi[4] per se vel per interpositam personam

[1] *Sic.* The text of the document makes it clear that the parish actually meant is Ewerby (Iwardeby).
[2] Blank in MS. [3] *Sic.* [4] Interlined.

pro viribus suis satisfacere cautius non omittant et alias de excessu suo peniteant prout decet , alioquin omnes malefactores predictos deo et ecclesie rebelles et proximum per injuriam et culpam mortalem sic ledantes aliis tribus diebus dominicis locis et hora pretactis in genere solempniter excommunicetis seu excommunicari per alios pupplice faciatis , ut maneant sic ligati quousque beneficium absolutionis in forma juris meruerint optinere . Datum apud Vetus Templum London II' idus Decembris , pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Robert of Sileby (Syleby), living in Leicester, acolyte, to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Acton, December 13, 1293.

Relaxatio sequestri ecclesie sancti petri de berkamstede. Note of the restitution, at the instance of the Bishop of Ely, to John of Reed (Reda) lately rector of the church of St. Peter at Berkhampstead of the fruits of the said church sequestrated because the said John had not been ordained priest within a year of his institution. Acton, December 13, 1293.

Sentencia contra intrusores in ecclesia prebendali de tham'. Mandate to all the archdeacons of the diocese or their officials, to excommunicate, in every church, chapel, chapter and meeting of the clergy, and upon every Sunday and feast-day except Christmas Day, the ringleaders of the attack upon the church of Thame, to wit John Attenok', William Bate of Waddesdon, Simon of Waddesdon, John of Shirburn chaplain, Richard de Thurs', John Edwards, Roger Sewall' of Aylesbury baker, Gilbert of Lonsdale, John Atte Hegge, John Atte Hirne, John Bruns, William Edwards, Thomas Mayne, William of Fotheringhay clerk and John de Middeton', and to declare the said John of Shirburn suspended and incapable of holding any benefice. Wooburn, December 15, 1293.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus etc . Universis archidiaconis per Lincoln' diocesem constitutis vel eorum officialibus salutem etc . Sacrilegos invasores notorios prebendalis ecclesie de Tham' in ecclesia nostra Lincoln' et ejusdem ecclesie de Thame per sanguinis extractionem inibi a quibusdam clericis ipsius ecclesie custodie inter alios deputatis maculatores nepharios ac ejusdem loci ecclesie illicitos detentores et temerarios occupatores hujusmodi invasionem nequiter continuantes , in prejudicium cathedralis ecclesie nostre predicte , auctoritatis episcopalis contemptum , Magistri Th. de Sutton' veri prebendarii ejusdem prebende dispendium et gravamen , in genere excommunicatos esse et etiam anathematizatos cum suis complicibus in hujusmodi crimine sub

certa forma per nosipsos solempniter et per alios in nostra diocese longe lateque pupplice denunciari fecimus justicia suadente . Ceterum dictis sacrilegis ex immanitate sacrilegii sui fixa maledictione ad ossium interiora tendente constrictis et eo pretextu in deum et ecclesiam debaccantibus[1] et per contumacionem flagitiosi piaculi sui in ecclesie scandalum et exempli perniciem procaciter grassantibus in immensum , ad procedendum contra eosdem sacrilegos injuratores per viam notorii vel alio modo legitimo prout ipsius negotii qualitas requirebat , certos commissarios nuper duximus deputandos , qui quidem commissarii in dicto negotio eis commisso per viam notorii procedentes invenientesque quod Johannes Attenok' , Willelmus Bate[2] de Wuttesdon' , Simon de Wuttesdon' , Johannes de Schireburn' capellanus , Ricardus de Thurs' , Johannes Edward' , Rogerus Sewall' de Eylesbir' pistor , Gilbertus de Lonesdale , Johannes Atte Hegge , Johannes Atte Hirne , Johannes Bruns , Willelmus Edward' , Thomas Mayne , Willelmus de Foderingheye clericus et Johannes de Middeton' hujusmodi sacrilege invasionis dicte ecclesie de Tham' et ejusdem detentionis illicite et occupationis temerarie , precipue per hujusmodi criminum continuationem facto actu permanente notoriam principales fuerunt auctores , ipsos omnes et singulos nominatim sentencia majoris excommunicationis a jure prolata et in tales ut premittitur pupplicata ligatos esse sentencialiter declararunt , eosdem sacrilegos omnes et singulos specialiter suis expressis nominibus propter eorum contumacias et offensas manifestas coram eisdem commissariis in hac parte contractas et rebelliter commissas sentencia majoris excommunicationis acriter innodarunt , Johannem de Schyreburn' predictum pro capellano se gerentem invasioni , sacrilegio , detentioni et occupationi cum complicibus suis prenotatis tanquam participem criminis interesse notorie presumentem , seque in dicta ecclesia de Tham' , ut predicitur execrata manente , celebrationi divinorum et ministrationi sacramentorum in dicta parochia immiscentem et dampnabiliter ingerentem similiter per viam notorii inventum , irregularem fore et[2] ad ecclesiasticum beneficium optinendum inhabilem sentencialiter pronunciantes et decernendo hujusmodi sentencias debite executioni fore solempniter demandando , sicut ex nobis missa relatione accepimus eorundem . [*Folio 90v.*] Quocirca vobis mandamus in virtute obediencie et sub pena excommunicationis firmiter injungentes quatinus predictos Johannem , Willelmum , Simonem , Johannem , Ricardum , Johannem , Rogerum , Gilbertum , Johannem , Johannem , Johannem , Willelmum , Thomam , Willelmum et Johannem in singulis ecclesiis parochialibus archidiaconatuum predictorum et capellis populum habentibus , singulis diebus dominicis et festivis , solo die nativitatis dominice excepto , intra missarum solempnia , necnon locorum capitulis et aliis convocationibus cleri universis pro

[1] *Sic, recte* ' debacchantibus ', [2] Interlined.

tempore faciendis , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , taliter anathematizatos et excommunicatos esse , ac dictum Johannem irregularem et[1] ad optinendum beneficium ecclesiasticum inhabilem denuncietis seu per alios denunciari faciatis , executiones priorum mandatorum nostrorum tam contra auctores dicti sacrilegii quam contra maculatores et detruncatores habituum presbiterorum et clericorum pro eisdem mandatis nostris exequendo nuper in partibus de Thame convenientium vobis prius directorum sub sollempnitate pretacta per vos seu alios efficaciter continuare nullatenus desistentes . Valete . Datum apud Wuburn' XVIII kalendas Januarii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri quartodecimo.

Commissio ad reconciliandum ecclesiam de tham'. Mandate to the Abbots of Missenden and Notley, conjointly or severally, to reconcile the church of Thame, polluted by bloodshed, and to deal according to canon law with all rebellious clergy who might be found there. Wooburn, December 16, 1293.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis . . . . . .[2] de Missenden' et . . . . . .[2] de Nuttele abbatibus salutem etc . Cum a sede apostolica nobis specialiter sit indultum ut ecclesias et cimiteria nostre diocesis per effusionem sanguinis aut seminis violata ad que reconcilianda personaliter comode declinare nequimus per presbiterum in dignitate constitutum ea facere reconciliari possumus , ad reconciliandum nomine nostro nobis ad presens legitime impeditis ecclesiam prebendalem de Thame per sanguinis effusionem inibi factam temere violatam vobis conjunctim et divisim auctoritate freti predicta plenam concedimus et committimus potestatem . Ceterum ut alia que nobis in villa predicta de Thame similiter ex officio incumbunt nullatenus negligamus ad visitandum auctoritate nostra diocesana per vos vel alios ipsam ecclesiam de Thame et omnia edificia ac loca alia qualiacumque ad ipsum sanctuarium seu locum sacrum in villa de Tham' qualitercumque spectantia , ac etiam omnes ministros *seu personas qualescumque ministrantes*[3] seu morantes in eisdem , si forte deo et ecclesie sue ac precipue cathedrali ecclesie nostre Lincoln' et jurisdictioni nostre episcopali indevoti , rebelles , contumaces aut alias inventi fuerint temere excedentes ibidem , et ad cohercendum omnes et singulos quos plectendos decreveritis in premissis , vobis conjunctim et divisim per vosipsos aut alios seu alium quos vel quem vos ambo vel unus vestrum in hac parte duxerint seu duxerit deputandos aut deputandum vices nostras committimus cum cohercionis canonice potestate . Valete . Datum apud Wouburn' XVII kalendas Januarii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

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PUBLICATIO SENTENCIE EXCOMMUNICATIONIS CONTRA INTRUSORES DE THAME. Note of the formal excommunication of all the ringleaders of the attack on the church of Thame,[1] and the suspension of John of Shirburn chaplain, by the bishop himself, assisted by the Archdeacon of Buckingham and other priests, in the church of Wycombe before the sermon preached by the bishop to the ordinands on December 19, 1293.

In dei nomine amen . Sacrilegos invasores notorios ecclesie de Thame prebendalis in ecclesia Lincoln' et ejusdem ecclesie de Thame per sanguinis extractionem inibi a quibusdam clericis ipsius ecclesie custodie inter alios deputatis maculatores nepharios ac ipsius ecclesie illicitos detentores et temerarios occupatores hujusmodi invasionem nequiter continuantes in prejudicium cathedralis ecclesie Lincoln' predicte , auctoritatis episcopalis contemptum , magistri Thome de Sutton' veri prebendarii ipsius prebende dispendium et gravamen , in genere excommunicatos esse et etiam anathematizatos cum suis complicibus in hujusmodi crimine sub certa forma nos Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus in nostra Lincoln' ecclesia cathedrali ac alibi solempniter denunciavimus , necnon per alios in nostra diocese longe lateque in publico denunciari fecimus justicia suadente . Cum dictis sacrilegis ex immanitate sacrilegii sui fixa maledictione ad ossium interiora tendente constrictis , et eo pretextu in deum et ecclesiam debaccantibus[2] et per continuationem flagitii piaculi in ecclesie scandalum et exempli perniciem procaciter grassantibus in immensum , ad procedendum contra eosdem sacrilegos injuratores per viam notorii vel alio modo legitimo prout ipsius negotii qualitas requirebat certos commissarios nuper duximus deputandos , qui quidem commissarii in dicto negotio eis commisso per viam notorii procedentes , invenientes quod quidam Johannes Attenok' , Willelmus Bate de Wuttesdon' , Simon de Wuttesdon' , Johannes de Schirburn' capellanus , Ricardus de Turs'[2] , Johannes Edward' , Rogerus Sewale[2] de Eylesbir' pistor , Gilbertus de Launesdale[2] , Johannes Atte Hegge , Johannes Atte Hirne , Johannes Bruns , Willelmus Edward' , Thomas Mayne, Willelmus de Foderingeye clericus et Johannes de Middelton' hujusmodi sacrilege invasionis dicte ecclesie de Thame et ejusdem detentionis illicite et occupationis temerarie , precipue per hujusmodi criminum continuationem facto actu permanente notoriam principales fuerunt auctores , ipsos omnes et singulos nominatim sentencia majoris excommunicationis a jure prolata in tales ut premittitur publicata ligatos esse sentencialiter declararunt et[3] eosdem sacrilegos omnes et singulos specialiter suis expressis nominibus propter eorum contumacias et offensas manifestas coram eisdem commissariis in hac parte contractas ac rebelliter commissas sentencia majoris excommunicationis acriter innodarunt , Johannem de Schirburn'

[1] For their names see p. 150. [2] *Sic.* [3] Interlined.

predictum pro capellano [*Folio 91*] se gerentem invasioni , sacrilegio , detentioni et occupationi predictis et eorum continuationi cum complicibus suis prenotatis tanquam participem criminis interesse notorie presumentem , seque in dicta ecclesia de Thame ut predicitur execrata manente , celebrationi divinorum et ministrationi sacramentorum in dicta parochia immiscentem et dampnabiliter ingerentem similiter per viam notorii inventum , irregularem fore et ad ecclesiasticum beneficium obtinendum inhabilem sentencialiter pronunciantes decreverunt hujusmodi sentencias debite executioni fore solempniter demandandum sicut ex missa nobis relatione recepimus eorundem . Nos igitur factum commissariorum nostrorum hujusmodi approbantes , memoratos Johannem , Willelmum , Simonem , Johannem , Ricardum , Johannem , Rogerum , Gilbertum, Johannem , Johannem , Johannem , Willelmum , Thomam , Willelmum et Johannem ut premittitur anathematizatos et excommunicatos esse , et dictum Johannem de Schirburn' irregularem et ad optinendum quodcumque beneficium ecclesiasticum inhabilem publice nunciamus et tenore presentium similiter publicamus , universis et singulis districtius inhibentes ne quis cum eisdem excommunicatis et anathematizatis ut premittitur emendo , vendendo , edendo , bibendo , ignem vel aquam porrigendo vel alio quovismodo preterquam in casibus a jure permissis aliqualiter communicare presumat . Facta fuit hujusmodi publicatio in parochiali ecclesia de Wycumb' die Sabbati quatuor temporum proxima post festum sancte Lucie virginis anno XIIII per episcopum pontificalibus indutum , assistente sibi archidiacono Buck' similiter sacerdotalibus induto et pluribus presbiteris albis indutis , ante sermonem ipsius episcopi clero ab ipso eodem die ibidem ordinando protinus faciendum , et factum fuit pulsatis campanis , accensis et extinctis candelis.

Contra intrusores ecclesie de brikeleswurth'. Mandate to the Archdeacons of Northampton and Oxford, or their officials, on the complaint of Master Ralph of York prebendary of Brixworth, to excommunicate, in all the churches of each rural deanery containing the church of Brixworth or any of its chapels, Master John of St. Valery and all his accomplices who had ejected the said Master Ralph's servants from the church and manse of Brixworth and seized his goods. The names of all the unknown accomplices were to be ascertained, and they were to be warned to desist from their sins and make amends within three days. Otherwise the whole band of assailants was to be cited to appear before the bishop at Wycombe on January 27, 1294. A report was to be made to the bishop. Fingest, December 27, 1293.

O. etc. , ...[1] Norhamt' et . . . . .[1] Oxon' archidiaconis vel eorum officialibus salutem etc . Discretum virum magistrum Radulphum

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de Ebor' capellanum ad parochialem ecclesiam de Brikeleswurth' nostre diocesis prebendalem in ecclesia Sar' de jure et de facto vacantem nobis dudum legitime presentatum quinque annis elapsis et amplius titulo institutionis admisimus , eundem in corporalem possessionem dicte ecclesie et pertinencium ad eam facientes induci , qua plene et pacifice usque ad circiter octo dies ante instans festum nativitatis dominice postmodum continue est gavisus . Sed ecce magister Johannes de sancto Walerico multorum complicium suorum quorum persone et nomina ignorantur juvamine , immo vero injuria , stipatus , ministros prefati magistri Radulphi in mansis ad dictam ecclesiam spectantibus et eorundem locorum custodes , nullimoda vacatione dicti magistri Radulphi nec etiam cognitione aliquali premissis , nuper propria temeritate violenter ejecit et qua fronte nescitur injuste amovit , seque in dictam ecclesiam et capellas dependentes ab ea pudenter[1] intrusit , bona insuper prefati magistri Radulphi in locis ejusdem ecclesie existentia preter ipsius voluntatem et custodum bonorum hujusmodi consumere , auferre et nequiter contrectare presumpsit et adhuc presumit etiam prout ex insinuatione fidedignorum quorundam accepimus evicino . Nos vero attendentes quam detestandum est vitium intrusionis in beneficiis ecclesiasticis , cujusmodi criminis auctores sancti patres nonnunquam sentencia majoris excommunicationis plectandos fore et alias afficiendos variis penis sanxerunt , quamque esset perniciosum exemplo pretacte temeritatis excessum in ecclesiastice censure irreverenciam et contemptum , prejudicium juris nostri ad quem beneficiandi in dicta ecclesia admissio seu institutio , necnon admissi seu instituti pariter notorio jure noscitur pertinere , dictique magistri R. rectoris ecclesie prenotate dispendium non modicum et plurimorum scandalum , sub quadam connivencia segniter relinquere impunitum , vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus ad dictam ecclesiam et capellas pertinentes ad eam prout sub districtu vestro consistunt , assumptis vobiscum rectoribus , vicariis et capellanis vicinis in numero competenti sine more dispendio juxta statutum bone memorie quondam domini Ottoboni legati in Anglia majoris excommunicationis in singulis ecclesiis decanatuum in quibus dicta ecclesia et ejus capelle sunt site , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , cunctis diebus dominicis et festivis infra missarum solempnia cum solempnitate qua poteritis in genere nuncietis , de nominibus et personis delinquentium predictorum quorum adhuc nomina sunt ignota sollicitius inquirentes , et si quos inveneritis culpabiles in hoc casu , ipsos et prefatum magistrum Johannem vice nostra monere curetis quatinus infra triduum a vestre monitionis tempore numerandum a facinore memorato desistant , ac de injuria illata deo et ecclesie rectorique predicto debitam satisfactionem impendant , alioquin

[1] *Sic*, probably a slip for ' impudenter '.

eos citetis peremptorie quod *compareant coram nobis vel commissario nostro*[1] in parochiale ecclesia de Wycumb' proximo die juridico post festum conversionis sancti Pauli super premissis dicto rectori et sibi per nos debito ex officio sicut justum fuerit responsuri, necnon facturi et recepturi quod suaserit ordo juris. Vos autem qualiter hoc mandatum nostrum duxeritis exequendum, nos dicto die vel citra certificetis per litteras vestras patentes, harum et processus vestre seriem et nomina delinquentium plenius continentes. Valete. Datum apud Tyngehirst' VI kalendas Januarii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

[*Folio 91v.*]

Concessio cantarie. Note of the grant of a private chapel, at the manor of Bibbewrth' in the parish of Kimpton, to Sir Hugh de Bibbewrth' and his wife, with the consent of the Prior and convent of Merton and the vicar of Kimpton. The reason for the grant was that the road to the parish church was humpy, stony, and covered with mud in winter, and that Sir Hugh's wife was unable to go to church during pregnancy. Mandate to the Archdeacon of Huntingdon to deposit the grant in the church of Kimpton and to allow Sir Hugh and his wife to have a copy under the seal of the said archdeacon. The grant was to remain valid so long as the obstacles to church-going continued to exist. Fingest, December 27, 1293.

VI kalendas Januarii anno XIIII apud Tyngehirst' concessit episcopus domino Hugoni de Bibbewrth' militi et . . . . . .[2] tunc uxori sue licenciam habendi cantariam quoad viverent in oratorio infra manerium suum de Bibbeswrth[3] in parochia de Kyminton' constructo, concurrente ad hoc consensu . . . . . .[2] prioris et conventus de Merton' ecclesiam de Kyminton' in usus proprios possidentium ac vicarii de eadem. Et cause concessionis fuerunt distancia manerii ab ecclesia parochiali que distant per dimidium miliare, et difficultas itineris intermedii, quod est montuosum, petrosum et pro magna parte lutosum in tempore yemali, et impedimenta alia quid tempore gravidationis uxoris dicti militis quid alias contingentia. Et super hoc scriptum fuit officiali archidiaconi Hunt' quod ipsos permitteret concessa sibi in hac parte gracia libere uti, et quod litteram sibi directam pro rei geste memoria penes se retineret, et in dicta ecclesia faceret registrari, ac dictis domino Hugoni et uxori sue a suum in hac parte munimen ejusdem liceret sub sigillo suo copiam daret. Et adjectum fuit in concessione gracie hujusmodi quod valeret dummodo impedimenta predicta subessent, et similiter addite fuerunt in littera predicta conditiones in casibus hujusmodi consuete.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Ralph son of Nicholas Clement of Amington (Amenton) acolyte to receive all holy

[1] * . . . . * interlined. [2] Blank in MS. [3] *Sic.*

orders from any bishop of the province of Canterbury. Wooburn, December 30, 1293.

SENTENCIA GENERALIS. Mandate to the deans of Newport Pagnell and Clopham to warn, and if necessary excommunicate, all those concerned in finding and failing to return a breviary which had dropped from the saddle of Robert of Wootton, chaplain, as he was riding through the district. Fingest, December 30, 1293.

O. etc. , ...[1] de Neuportpainell et de Cloppeham decanis salutem etc . Robertus de Wutton capellanus per vestros nuper transiens decanatus quoddam portiforium selle sue appensum casu fortuito perdidit sicut dicit , speransque aliquem de eisdem partibus librum hujusmodi reperisse , cujus nomen et personam ignorat ut pretendit , sibi de remedio in hac parte per nos petiit provideri . Nos igitur attendentes quod inter temerariam rei aliene invasionem , que fieri nequit absque periculo anime invadentis , et detentionem illicitam , nichil differt quoad deum , et ob hoc detentores libri predicti , ut eundem sine peccato retinere nequeunt , vero domino restituant inducere cupientes , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus in ecclesiis vestrorum decanatuum predictorum de quibus per dictum capellanum fueritis requisiti tribus diebus dominicis proximis post presentium receptionem intra missarum solempnia omnes predicti libri illicitos detentores seu hujusmodi conscios , secrete confessionis oraculo dumtaxat excepto , per vos seu alios in genere moneatis quod eundem librum prefato presbitero sub pena excommunicationis restituant seu revelent quod noverint de eodem infra quindecim dies a tempore quo hujusmodi monitio ad noticiam pervenerit eorundem , alioquin omnes hujusmodi illicitos detentores totidem diebus in locis et hora pretactis , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , solempniter et pupplice excommunicetis seu excommunicari per alios faciatis . Datum apud Tyngehirst' II kalendas Januarii , pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

REMISSIO PECUNIE FACTA RECTORI ECCLESIE DE STAYNTON' JUXTA LANGWATH.[2] Note of a mandate to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, who had sold the fruits of the church of Stainton by Langworth, sequestrated because of a vacancy, to John of St. Ives the new rector for twenty-four marks, that as the bishop had remitted half his share of the proceeds the said John should be required to pay only eight marks.[3] Fingest, January 1, 1294.

Kalendis Januarii anno XIIII apud Tyngehirst' constante per litteram Roberti de Burton' sequestratoris eundem Robertum fructus ecclesie de Staynton' juxta Langwath' de autumpno proximo

[1] Blank in MS. [2] Marginal drawing of a hand.

[3] The arithmetic seems peculiar but the text is perfectly clear. The bishop's share of the sequestration must have been two-thirds of the whole, or sixteen marks.

tunc transacto , qui ratione vacationis dicte ecclesie inciderant in sequestrum episcopi , Johanni de sancto Ivone novo ipsius ecclesie rectori pro XXIIII marcis vendidisse , episcopus medietatem partis ipsum contingentis in hujusmodi pecunia , videlicet octo marcas , predicto Johanni remisit , mandans dicto sequestratori quod ipsas octo marcas sic remissas haberet et residuas octo marcas solummodo exigeret ab eodem.

Sentencia contra intrusores hospitalis de eynho. Mandate to the official of the Archdeacon of Northampton to go, accompanied by suitable clergy, to Aynho Hospital, and warn the intruder, who had thrust himself into the office of master on the death of William of Occold, to withdraw his claim and make satisfaction. If he would not do so, he was to be excommunicated in all the churches of the rural deanery of Brackley, the chapel of the hospital was to be put under an interdict, and the self-styled master was to be cited to appear before the bishop or his commissaries at Wycombe on January 27. A report was to be made to the bishop. Fingest, January 4, 1294.

O. etc. , ...[1] officiali . . . . .[1] Archidiaconi Norhamt' salutem etc . Licet notorium existat magistrum hospitalis de Eynho pro tempore existentem et fratres ac ministros loci ejusdem episcopo Lincoln' in hiis que ad jurisdictionem ordinariam spectare noscuntur pleno jure subesse , sitque notorium quod nos et predecessores nostri episcopi Lincoln' in pacifica possessione hujusmodi juris vel quasi magistros ad predictum hospitalem ad presentationem patronorum ipsius loci admittendi et instituendi hactenus fuerimus et fuerint temporibus retroactis , quidam tamen iniquitatis filius nobis prorsus ignotus aliunde quam per ostium querens ingressum , spreta auctoritate pontificali nobis insciis et penitus irrequisitis administrationi tam temporalium quam spiritualium hospitalis predicti[2] per mortem Willelmi de Hokkeholt' capellani ultimi magistri ejusdem ad presentationem domini Roberti filii Rogeri militis per nos admissi et in eodem canonice instituti vacantis sub nomine magistri prout nuper accepimus se temere immiscere presumpsit et in eundem locum tanquam magistrum se intrudere dampnabiliter attemptavit et hujuscemodi presumptionem adhuc continuat ut dicitur in presenti , in juris nostri episcopalis evidens prejudicium , libertatis ecclesie nostre Lincoln' violationem et scandalum plurimorum . Nos vero tante temeritatis [*Folio 92*] excessum eo propitius perfecto odio persequi cupientes quo magis ipsius impunitas aliis prebere poterit audaciam delinquendi vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus assumptis vobiscum . . . . . .[1] decano loci ac aliis rectoribus , vicariis et capellanis parochialibus

[1] Blank in M.S.

[2] Marginal note in a fourteenth-century hand ' Et vide infra in XX quaterno folio quinto '.

in numero competenti ad dictum hospitale personaliter accedentes , si quempiam in eodem intrusum ut premittitur et absque auctoritate legitima pro magistro inibi inveneritis se gerentem , ipsum si presentialiter inveniatur , aut ipso absente edicto pupplice proposito , efficaciter moneatis ut statum magistri quem temere usurpavit dimittens omnino , deo et ecclesie et hiis quos[1] injuste offendit in hac parte satisfaciat prout decet , alioquin si eundem intrusorem et libertatis ecclesie nostre Lincoln' violatorem ac juris nostri episcopalis contemptorem vobis contradictorem in premissis inveneritis aut rebellem , eundem sentencia majoris excommunicationis nominatim ratione previa percellatis , ipsum in singulis ecclesiis decanatus de Brakkele tribus diebus dominicis seu aliis festivis postmodum subsequentibus intra missarum solempnia , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis[2] , taliter excommunicatum esse faciatis solempniter pupplicari , capellam seu oratorium hospitalis prescripti quamdiu hujusmodi intrusor presumptionem suam pretactam continuaverit in eodem ne divina inibi celebrentur interdicto artius supponentes , prefatum insuper intrusorem seu quemcumque se pro magistro gerentem ibidem citantes peremptorie quod proximo die juridico post festum conversionis sancti Pauli in parochiali ecclesia de Wycumb' compareat coram nobis vel commissariis nostris aut commissario , super vitio intrusionis aut presumptionis hujusmodi ex officio responsurus , facturus ulterius et recepturus in hoc negotio secundum ipsius qualitatem et naturam quod equum fuerit et consonum rationi . Vos autem qualiter hoc mandatum nostrum fueritis executi nos vel commissarios nostros aut commissarium nostrum litteris vestris patentibus harum seriem ac modum processus vestri , nomenque dicti intrusoris et quid vobis duxerit ad monita respondendum una cum aliis in hoc facto adiciendis pro pleniori informatione continentibus , dictis die et loco vel citra apertius certificare curetis . Valete . Datum apud Tyngehirst' II nonas Januarii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Commissio penitenciarie. Commission to Luke, vicar of Kimpton (Kyminton') of the office of penitenciary in that part of the county of Hertford which was subject to the bishop's jurisdiction. Fingest, January 7, 1294.

Stodele. To the Prioress and convent of Studley, telling them not to allow John the clerk to remain in, or frequent, their house, because he was a cause of scandal. Upton, January 13, 1294.

O. etc. , dilectis in Christo filiabus . . . . . .[3] priorisse et conventus de Stodele salutem etc . Quia nequaquam obsequium Johannis clerici ad scandalum domus et magnam denigratione fame vestre vobis jam cessisse non ambigitur ut videtis , nec potest hujusmodi

[1] Interlined.
[2] The words ' candelis accensis ' are written in the margin.
[3] Blank in MS.

infamia oblivioni tradi dum idem moram continuat in domo vestra , vobis sicut alias suasimus presentibus suademus quatinus ut in domo vestra personaliter moram trahat vel frequentat eandem nullatenus permittatis , ne forte posterior error priore pejor existat . Valete . Datum apud Upton' , idibus Januarii pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Walter son of Henry Mustard' of Buckingham (Buck') acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Wooburn, January 16, 1294.

Indulgencia. Grant of ten days' indulgence to all who should visit the convent of Marlow and say a Paternoster and an Ave on the feast of St. Agatha (February 5), being the day on which, in 1292, the bishop had dedicated the high altar. Fingest, January 22, 1294.

[*Folio 92v.*]

Commissio. Commission to the Subdean of Lincoln, the Archdeacon of Bedford and Master Walter of Malling canon of Lincoln, or to any two of them, to discharge the executors of the will of Master Durandus late Archdeacon of Stow. Fingest, in the month of January[1] 1294.

Pro nicholao de cateby de oxon'. To the chancellor and regent-masters of the University of Oxford, asking them to do right to Nicholas of Catesby, who had again appealed to the bishop against certain injuries which he complained that the said chancellor and regent-masters had inflicted upon him. Dorchester-on-Thames, January 30, 1294.

O. etc. , ...[2] cancellario et cetui magistrorum universitatis Oxon' salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Nicholaus de Cateby latorem presentium nobis iterato graviter est conquestus quod ipse omissa prosecutione super certis gravaminibus et injuriis per vos sibi ut pretendit illatis contra vos in figura judicii facienda de quadam littera suasoria ut si quid per vos attemptatum fuisset minus provide contra ipsum id corrigeritis cautius per vosipsos quam a nobis ad vos scribi optinuit nimis confusus quantum ad mitigationem hujusmodi gravaminium et injuriarum gracie vestre se supposuit confidenter . Sane eodem Nicholao graciam remedii et pretextu epistole nostre aliquantulum uberiorem processu temporis expectante , ecce spe suo frustratus omnino , loco gracie rigorem et duritiam a vobis se asserit reportasse , nobis et nostris quodammodo reputans quod remedium per viam juris alias nullatenus impetravit . Cum igitur prefatum Nicholaum pro quiete vestro quam nostro

[1] *Sic.* [2] Blank in MS.

judicio multum optare debetis pariter et honore vestro ad vos duceremus ut premittitur remittendum , miramur quod eidem etiam de materia cujus pretextu multum turbari potestis occasionem ulterius conquerendi sibi relinquere voluistis , quapropter eundem N. ad vos adhuc mittimus iterato , vobis sano consilio suadentes quatinus si sibi pro gracia optulistis ut affirmat hujusmodi rigorem suavi et medicamento civili si decreveritis expedire temperare curetis , ne predicto Nicholai importunitate iterati clamoris decetero oporteat vos turbari . Valete . Datum apud Dorkecestr' III kalendas Februarii pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to John called Palmer of Melton subdeacon to receive the diaconate and priesthood from any Catholic bishop. Wooburn, February 2, 1294.

Pro rectore de brikleswrth'. Mandate to Master Peter of Leicester, D.C.L., rector of Church Brampton, and to the Dean of Rothwell, conjointly or severally to re-induct Master Ralph of York, chancellor of Salisbury and prebendary of Brixworth, or his proctor, into the church of Brixworth and the dependent chapels of Swinbrook, Idbury and Fifield, from which he had been unlawfully ejected by Master John of St. Valery. London, Old Temple, February 6, 1294.

O. etc. , magistro Petro de Leyk' rectori ecclesie de Brampton' nostre diocesis , juris civilis professori , et decano de Rowell' , salutem etc . Cum magister Radulphus de Ebor' cancellarius Saresb' parochialem ecclesiam de Brikeleswurth' cum capellis de Swynbrok' , Idbir' et Fifid' nostre diocesis ab ea dependentibus in ecclesia Saresb' prebendalem seu dignitati cancellarie loci ejusdem annexam fuisset et sit circiter quinquennio elapso titulo institutionis canonice assecutus , et auctoritate nostra in corporalem possessionem inductus, dictamque ecclesiam cum capellis suis predictis a tempore assecutionis sue tanquam rector verus possedisset pacifice et quiete , magister Johannes de sancto Walerico proprie salutis immemor et proprii persecutor honoris in dictam ecclesiam cum capellis , in jurisdictionis nostre contemptum et dicti[1] magistri Radulphi prejudicium propria temeritate notorie se intrusit , fructusque dicte ecclesie ac bona alia in ipsius manso et etiam in ipsa ecclesia existentia non absque sacrilegii vitio absque voluntate ejusdem magistri Radulphi et custodum bonorum hujusmodi temere occupavit , illicite contrectavit , amovit pariter et consumpsit , majoris excommunicationis sentenciam in tales latam dampnabiliter incurrendo . Ceterum dictus Johannes auctoritate nostra postmodum canonice monitus ut deo et ecclesie ac magistro Radulpho predicto de tam notoria injuria satisfaceret competenter , hoc facere recusavit et eo pretextu ad certos diem et locum coram nobis peremptorie

[1] Interlined.

vocatus ad faciendum et recipiendum in hoc casu tam notorio quod ratio suaderet juxta formam citationis sibi facte nec per se nec per alium ullo modo comparere curavit . Cumque de hujusmodi intrusione tum per confessiones plurium dicto magistro Johanni seu suis notorie assistentium in eadem auxilium impendendo judicialiter factas , tum per certificatoria officialium . . . . . .[1] archidiaconorum Oxon' et Norhamt' facta ad mandata nostra eis prius in hac parte directa de dicta intru- [*Folio 93*] sione notorie commissa constare videretur , nos possessionem prefati magistri Radulphi in dicta ecclesia prius turbatam[2] et nunc vacuam ut dicitur dimissam , ipsius magistri Radulphi procuratore ad hoc instante ex habundanti redintegrari et quantum in nobis est reformari cupientes , vobis mandamus in virtute obediencie firmiter injungentes quatinus ad dictas ecclesiam et capellas accedentes , si easdem ecclesias et capellas vacuas et nullatenus occupatas inveneritis , memoratum magistrum Radulphum seu procuratorem suum nomine ipsius magistri Radulphi in possessionem earundem reinducere non tardetis , statum suum in premissis plenius reformantes , alioquin , si[2] prefatas ecclesiam et capellas a quoquam illicito detentore et notorio intrusore inveneritis temere occupatas , hujusmodi dententore et ratione previa amotis , pristinam possessionem prefati magistri Radulphi in dictis ecclesia et capellis ut predicitur reformare curetis , contradictores vobis et rebelles per censuram ecclesiasticam canonice compescendo . In quibus omnibus vobis conjunctim et divisim vices nostras committimus cum cohercionis canonice potestate . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' VIII idus Februarii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Ratificatio ordinum una cum dimissoriis. Letter to Walter of Burton (Burton') ratifying the order of subdeacon which he had received, without letters dimissory, from Peter Quivil late Bishop of Exeter, and granting him licence to receive the diaconate and priesthood from any bishop of the province of Canterbury. London, Old Temple, February 7, 1294.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Geoffrey Gulafre of Mursley (Musele) acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, February 8, 1294.

[No heading.] Note of a mandate to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, to cease from claiming four pounds from the Abbot and Convent of St. Mary de Pratis, Leicester, on account of the goods of Henry, vicar of All Saints, Leicester, who had died intestate, until the bishop should come to Leicester and investigate the matter. London, Old Temple, February 8, 1294.

Relaxatio sequestri de everesholt'. Note of a mandate to Master Richard of Pirton (Piriton') sequestrator to relax the

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sequestration imposed on the fruits of the church of Eversholt received before the feast of All Saints, because Master Stephen, the late incumbent, had sworn that he was not instituted to the church of ? Burham (Bruham) in the diocese of Rochester until after this date. London, Old Temple, February 9, 1294.

[No heading.] Note of a mandate to the said Master Richard of Pirton to allow the said Master Stephen to administer the property of Alan his subordinate (obsequialis sui) who had died intestate at Eversholt, which had been devoted to the funeral of the said Alan and in alms to the poor for the good of his soul. No date or place, but see the previous letter.

Pro ponte huntingd'. Mandate to the deans of Huntingdon, St. Neot's and St. Ives to warn (in suitable churches of their deaneries) all those who had stolen materials for the repair of Huntingdon bridge, to restore the said materials, or make good their loss, and, if they would not do so, to excommunicate them. London, Old Temple, February 9, 1294.

O. etc. , ...[1] de Huntingd' . . . . . .[1] de sancto Neoto et de sancto Ivone decanis salutem etc . Ponte Huntingdon' dudum per inundationem nimiam corruente , nonnulli quorum persona et nomina ignorantur effrenis cupiditatis sectatores propriis non contenti ligna , lapides et quedam instrumenta ad reparationem pontis ejusdem auferre , contrectare , amovere ac nequitur subtrahere ut dicitur presumpserunt , isti bases domorum et quidam muros et hiis similia ex lapide componentes , et illi ligna et instrumenta pretacta in usus suos temere convertentes , in animarum suarum grande periculum et evidens dispendium plurimorum , propter quod ut de remedio congruo providere super hoc curaremus fuit nuper a nobis instantius postulatum . Nos igitur attendentes quod culpa res pretactas auferentium , contrectantium , amoventium et subtrahantium ac etiam illicite occupantium tanto gravior est censenda quanto reparatio pontis predicti ex hoc magis differtur et pauperum viatorum , personarum debilium , periculum , et etiam omnium transeuntium ibidem gravamen nascitur provenire , vobis mandamus in virtute obediencie firmiter injungentes quatinus in [*Folio 93v*] ecclesiis decanatuum vestrorum de quibus videritis expedire monitiones pupplicas et solempnes intra missarum solempnia palam faciatis proponi ut omnes et singuli qui de hujusmodi lapidibus , instrumentis seu lignis quicumque abstulerunt, contrectarunt , amoverunt , subtraxerunt et etiam scienter occupant in presenti , id vel saltem valorem ejusdem verum infra quindecim dies a tempore noticie monitionis facte restituere non postponant , alioquin omnes ablatores , contrectatores , amotores et illicitos occupatores rerum predictarum tanquam deo et ecclesie

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rebelles , et a suis culpis salubriter monitos resilire nolentes , tribus diebus dominicis in locis et hora pretactis solempniter excommunicetis seu excommunicari pupplice faciatis quousque prestita satisfactione absolutionis beneficium meruerint optinere . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' V idus Februarii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Pro moniali de sywardele. Request to the Prioress and convent of Sewardsley for a report on Isabel daughter of Sir Philip of Cowley, who claimed that after entering Sewardsley at the age of fifteen and living in the convent for seven years she had returned to the world, with permission, to claim from her family a share of her mother's property, and had thereafter spent fourteen years lodged in the nunnery of St. John the Baptist at Holywell in London, living a celibate but secular life. She now wished to re-enter Sewardsley. London, Old Temple, February 10, 1294.

O. etc. , priorisse et conventui de Sywardle salutem etc . Accedens nuper ad nos London' mulier quedam in habitu seculari , Isabella filia quondam domini , domini Philippi de Covele , nuncupata , nostris referendo suggessit quod ipsa dudum quindecim annos habens etatis inter vos habitum monialis suscepit , vobiscum postmodum regulariter victitans septem annis . Deinde matre ejusdem defuncta , ipsa respiciens retrorsum ac hereditatem maternam ipsam pro sua quota contingentem vendicandam ea intentione ut congruam inter vos sustentationem haberet , ad quam sibi et aliis commonialibus inveniendam domus vestre nullatenus suppetunt facultates monasterium vestrum ut asserit licenciata exivit . Porro prefata Isabella partem hereditatis predicta contra sorores suas ipsam a successione cum eisdem per ingressum religionis predictum excludere intentes judicialiter optinente , eadem memor postpositi castitatis prius concepti in monasterio de Haliwell' London' se contulit ad morandum , quo circiter per quatuordecim annos moram se dicit continue pertraxisse , ibi et alibi post egressum suum a vobis caste se gerens pariter et honeste . Sane prefata Isabella ad se nunc reversa ut ad statum suum pristinum inter vos quem incaute dimisit sibi concederetur licencia revertendi humiliter postulavit . Nos igitur priusquam hujusmodi petitionem a nobis factam concedamus[1] de pretactis et ea contingentibus volentes effici certiores , vobis mandamus in virtute obediencie firmiter injungentes quatinus super premissis , videlicet de susceptione habitus memorate Isabelle si quem inter vos habebat , etate ejusdem tempore velationis sue si forte erat velata , mora[2] ejusdem et conversatione in domo vestra , exitu suo et modo egressus , licencia quam pretendit , necnon quantum est elapsum postquam exivit ut premittitur , et qualiter

[1] Interlined.

[2] *Sic*, but possibly some confusion with 'moribus' which would be more likely in this context.

postea se gerebat , nos fideliter certificare curetis . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' IIII idus Februarii pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

Dimissorie. Note that Master John of Stainton (Stanton') clerk produced before the bishop letters dimissory granted to him by the said bishop at the Old Temple, London, on November 1, 1280, the seal of which was somewhat worn. The seal was renewed at the Old Temple, London, February 11, 1294.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Roger Williams (Willelmi) of Legbourne (Lekeburn'), dwelling in Louth (Luda), acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. London, Old Temple, February 12, 1294.

Commissio. Commission to Master Walter of Wootton (Wutton') to represent the bishop in all cases due to be brought before him on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after the feast of St. Gregory (March 12) in the church of All Saints, Northampton, in the same form as that of the commission previously given to Master John Le Fleming for the session after the feast of St. Nicholas.[1] London, Old Temple, February 11, 1294.

Sentencia. Mandate to the dean of Witney to excommunicate, in all suitable churches in his deanery, those who had laid violent hands on Ralph d'Ivry, Prior of Minster Lovell, and had stolen the property of the said priory. London, Old Temple, February 12, 1294.

O. etc. , decano de Wytheneya salutem etc . Cum inicientes temere manus violentas in clericos , necnon domos , grangias seu alia loca ad personas ecclesiasticas pertinencia ingredientes , et de bonis ibidem inventis preter voluntates dominorum seu eorum qui sunt hujusmodi bonorum custodie deputati quicquam auferentes vel consumentes seu alias illicite contrectantes sunt majoris excommunicationis sentenciam tam canonis quam sacrarum constitutionum auctoritate ligati , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus in ecclesiis decanatus vestri de quibus videritis [*Folio 94*] expedire tribus diebus dominicis seu festivis intra missarum solempnia omnes illos dampnate iniquitatis filios qui in fratrem Radulphum de Ibrayo priorem de Ministr' per nos admissum et in eodem prioratu institutum manus violentas dei timore postposito temere ut accepimus iniecerunt , bonaque prioratus ejusdem in eo existentia preter ipsius prioris ac aliorum custodum bonorum eorundem voluntatem abstulerunt , consumpserunt seu alias illicite contrectarunt , cum suis auctoribus et consiliariis universis in criminibus sic dampnatis , in dictam excommunicationis sentenciam incidisse

[1] See above, p. 145.

et excommunicatos esse , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , solempniter et pupplice per vos seu alios in genere nuncietis . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' II idus Februarii pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

Commissio. Commission to the Archdeacon of Bedford (Bedeford'), and to Masters Walter of Malling (Malling') and William of Thornton (Thorneton') canons of Lincoln, to discharge the executors of the wills of Jordan of Asfordby, William of Asfordby and Muriel wife of the said William. London, Old Temple, February 12, 1294.

Commissio. Commission to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, to discharge the executors of the wills of John son of Master John of Horkstow (Horkestowe), Philippa his mother, John of Bardney (Bardeneye) rector of South Witham (Suth Wyme) and Peter of Lund (Lunda) rector of Stainton (Staynton'). Waterend Farm, Sandridge (Thebrig' juxta Whethamsted'), February 14, 1294.

Commissio. Commission to Robert of Burton, sequestrator, to discharge the executors of Master John of Kirton (Kyrketon') rector of Ashby (Asceby) if he had left a lawful will, and, if he had not done so, to deal with his estate. Waterend Farm, Sandridge, February 14, 1294.

Littera testimonialis super ordinatione vicarii de Watlington'. Testimonial, under the bishop's seal and in the form of a letter patent, to the fact that a vicarage had duly been set up at Watlington by Bishop Hugh of Wells. Granted to the vicar of Watlington at Dorchester-on-Thames, February 16, 1294.

Duodecimo kalendas Martii anno XIIII apud Dorkecestr' habuit .....[1] vicarius ecclesie de Watlington' quamdam litteram patentem sigillo episcopi signatam sub hac forma : — Noverint universi quod examinato registro super ordinibus vicariarum factis per bone memorie Hugonem secundum Lincoln' episcopum quantum ad vicariam de Watlington' in eodem prout sequitur apparuit registratum , vicariam in ecclesia de Watlington' etc . ut in archidiaconatu Oxon' in principio etc . Hujusmodi autem principii forma est talis : — In omnibus ecclesiis quas abbas et monasterium Osen' etc . prout continetur in registro predicto[2] . In cujus examinationis testimonium sigillum O. episcopi Lincoln' presentibus est appensum . Datum etc . ut supra.

Commissio. Commission to the Archdeacon of Oxford and to Master Henry of Benniworth (Benigwurth') canon of Lincoln to discharge Alewin of ? Wheelton (Whelton'), John Randolph of Churchill

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[2] Rotuli Hugonis de Welles, L.R.S. III, pp. 179-80.

(Chirchehull') chaplain and John of Langley (Langele) executors of the will of Sir Roger de Nodariis, knight. Dorchester-on-Thames, February 19, 1294.

Sentencia generalis. Mandate to the dean of Henley to warn, and if necessary excommunicate, in the church of Goring and two or three neighbouring churches, all those who had broken into William Loveday's enclosure at Applehanger in the parish of Goring and injured the wild animals enclosed therein. Dorchester-on-Thames, February 20, 1294.

O. etc. , decano de Henle etc . Accedens ad presentiam nostram Willelmus Loveday nuper nobis conquestioni monstravit quod quidam iniquitatis filii et maligni spiritus consilio maliciose repleti , personas et nomina quorum ignorat , clausum suum in Appelhangr' in parochia de Garing' clam temere ingredientes dampna in feris animalibus suis ibidem inclusis dampnabiliter committere presumpserunt , in grave animarum suarum periculum , et ipsius Willelmi prejudicium non modicum et gravamen . Cum igitur in jure canonico caveatur quod si ille cui dampnum illatum est de suis injuriatoribus quorum personas ignorat ab ecclesia justiciam sibi petierit exhiberi , potest prelatus suus auctorem dampni indeterminate excommunicationis vinculo innodare , vobis [*Folio 94*^{v}] firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus tribus diebus dominicis seu festivis proxime subsequentibus in ecclesia parochiali de Garing' et duabus vel tribus ecclesiis vicinis de quibus videritis expedire , trina generali monitione premissa pro congrua satisfactione hujusmodi dampni prestanda , extunc omnes injuriatores et dampnificatores predictos cum omnibus suis participibus et fautoribus in crimine supradicto tribus diebus dominicis in ecclesiis predictis usque ad satisfactionem congruam solempniter et pupplice , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , in genere excommunicare curetis . Datum apud Dorkecestr' X kalendas Martii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Constitutio ballivi de thame. Letters under the bishop's seal, addressed to the people of the bailiwicks of Dorchester, Thame, Fingest and Wooburn, appointing John le Broun of Oakley (Okele) as their bailiff. Dorchester-on-Thames, February 24, 1294.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Thomas of ? Grayingham (Greynham) clerk to receive the subdiaconate and diaconate from any Catholic bishop of the province of York. Dorchester-on-Thames, February 24, 1294.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory, in the same form as the last, granted to William of Kirton (Kyrketon') acolyte. Dorchester-on-Thames, February 24, 1294.

Contra albertinum.[1] Note of the bishop's refusal to allow a certain Albertino to reconcile the church of Thame either by himself or by his commissary who was neutral towards Edward of St. John. Dorchester-on-Thames, February 25, 1294.

Quinto kalendas Martii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio comparuit personaliter coram episcopo in capitulo monasterii de Dorkecestr' Albertinus de . . . . .[2] petens quod si ecclesia de Thame reconciliatione indigeret ipsam reconciliaret per se vel per commissarium Edwardo de sancto Johanne non suspectum . Episcopus vero quesivit ab eo an sua interesset hoc peteret vel mandatum haberet ab alio cujus interesset hoc petendi , et cum ipse nec mandatum ostenderet nec se habere diceret nec sua interesse assereret , set[3] affirmaret hujusmodi petitionem solummodo procedere a seipso nullo sibi consulente ut eam faceret vel mandante , episcopus habita deliberatione cum suis respondit eidem hec vel consimilia verba dicens : — ' Ex quo mandatum non ostendis ad petendum quod petis , immo potius asseris petitionem tuam solum procedere a teipso , nec tua interest id petere , ad petitionem tuam minime respondemus . Dicimus tamen quod de reconciliatione dicte ecclesie faciemus quod nobis et quando nobis visum fuerit expedire' .

Littera questuaria. Mandate to the Archdeacons of Northampton, Oxford and Leicester to allow representatives of the community of the Holy Sepulchre at Warwick to collect alms throughout their archdeaconries, and to have announcements made on their behalf (without a sermon) in every church on three Sundays or feast-days in the next two years. Dorchester-on-Thames, February 25, 1294.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis de Norhamt' , Oxon' et Leycestr' archidiaconis salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Mandamus vobis quatinus cum nuncii fratrum domus sancti Sepulcri de Warwyk' Wygorn' diocesis ad vos venerint pro fidelium elemosinis colligendis , ipsos benigne admittentes negotium ipsorum in omnibus ecclesiis archidiaconatuum vestrorum per capellanos locorum tribus diebus dominicis seu alias festivis fideliter exponi , indulgenciasque benefactoribus suis concessas palam exprimi , absque tamen predicatione qualibet , et pecuniam sic collectam ipsis nunciis integraliter cum petierint restitui faciatis , presentibus post biennium a tempore confectionis presentium minime valituris . Valete . Datum apud Dorkecestr' V kalendas Martii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri XIIII.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to the Prior of Elsham (Ellesham) licencing him to have two of his canons, John of

[1] Floreated initial. [2] Blank in MS. [3] *Sic.*

Burton (Bergton') and Robert of Corringham (Coringham), ordained to the appropriate grades by the Archbishop of York at his forthcoming Lenten ordinations. Osney, February 26, 1294.

SUGGESTIO RECTORIS DE DENHAM. Citation to the dean of Burnham to appear before the bishop or his commissary in St. Mary's church at Huntingdon on March 19[1] to explain why he had obeyed the injunction of the Archdeacon of St. Alban's to excommunicate Master John of Ludgershall rector of Denham, over whom the said archdeacon had no jurisdiction. In the meanwhile the said dean was to refrain from any action prejudicial to the said rector, and to make a report to the bishop. Dorchester-on-Thames, February 25, 1295.

O. etc. , ...[2] decano de Burnham etc . Querelam magistri Johannis de Lutgershale rectoris ecclesie de Denham nostre diocesis recepimus[3] continentem quod licet archidiaconus monasterii sancti Albani in eum non haberet jurisdictionem ordinariam seu etiam delegatam , vos pretendentes ab eodem archidiacono auctoritatem habere cum nullam penitus [*Folio 95*] haberetis in eundem magistrum Johannem absque causa rationabili majoris excommunicationis sentenciam temeritate propria promulgastis et excommunicatum fecistis pupplice nunciari . Volentes igitur ut tenemur dicto rectori justiciam exhibere , tenore presentium peremptorie vos citamus quod coram nobis seu commissario die jovis proxima post festum sancti Gregorii in ecclesia parochiali beate Marie Huntingdon' comparere curetis super premissis prefato rectori sicut justum fuerit responsurus necnon facturus et recepturus quod ordo suaserit rationis . Vobis insuper districtius inhibemus ne cuiquam conservatori privilegiorum seu alicujus conservatoris hujusmodi commissario in hiis que requirunt judicialem indaginem[3] ad que suam non possunt extendere potestatem , in juris injuriam et nostrorum prejudicium subditorum obedire temere presumatis . Quid autem inde feceritis nos seu nostrum commissarium dictis die et loco certificare curetis per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem continentes . Datum apud Dork' V kalendas Martii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

IRRITATIO CONTRACTUS INITI INTER PRIOREM ET CONVENTUM SANCTE FRED' OXON' ET EXECUTORES TESTAMENTI QUONDAM MAGISTRI GALFRIDI DE SANCTO MEDARDO. Letters patent under the bishop's seal confirming an agreement between the Prior and convent of St. Frideswide, Oxford, of the one part, and the executors and kinsmen of the late Master Geoffrey of St. Medard Archdeacon of

[1] Since St. Gregory's Day in this year fell on a Thursday, it is possible that this may be a slip for March 12.
[2] Blank in MS. [3] Interlined.

Richmond, of the other, that the said prior and convent should pay back sixty out of the seventy marks bequeathed to them for a perpetual chantry on behalf of the soul of the said Master Geoffrey, keeping ten marks for their services in the chantry for the past fourteen years, and that these sixty marks should be bestowed by Master William of Oakham, rector of Langton, and the Franciscans for the repose of the soul of the said Master Geoffrey. The seals of Master Simon of Ghent, Archdeacon of Oxford, and Master William of Oakham were appended to the letters. Oxford, February 28, 1294.

Ad memoriam rei geste pateat universis quod cum ex parte executorum et propinquorum specialium amicorum quondam discreti viri Magistri Galfridi de sancto Medardo archidiacono Richemund' nobis O. permissione divina Lincoln' episcopo esset pluries insinuatum quod Robertus prior et conventus sancte Fredeswid' Oxon' cantariam in ecclesia sua conventuali per unum de canonicis suis sub certis conditionibus et certa pena archidiacono Oxon' solvenda quotiens in celebratione dicte misse cessaretur adjecta perpetuis temporibus faciendam pro septuaginta marcis eisdem religiosis de bonis dicti defuncti per executores testamenti ejusdem plenius numeratis , prout per scripta sua obligatoria uniformia communi sigillo suo munita , quorum unum penes dictos executores et aliud penes episcopum et capitulum Lincoln' et tertium penes archidiaconum Oxon' erant deposita ex condicto sese firmiter obligaverunt , facere non curarunt , ad instanciam executorum seu amicorum memorati defuncti dictos priorem et conventum in visitationibus nostris factis inter ipsos super contingentibus statum suum et domus sue pro emendatione defectus hujusmodi efficaciter allocuti fuimus vicibus repetitis . Cumque dicti religiosi pro se proponerent quod hujusmodi obligatio super dicta cantaria facienda domui sue valde dampnosa tempore quondam Johannis prioris majore et saniore parte conventus sui ab initio refragante et reliquis priori sui pre timore faventibus in monasterii sui grave dispendium emanavit , cujusmodi contractus attenta lesione ejusdem monasterii toti conventui modico tempore decursa postmodum displicebat , petebant ut restituta ab eis pecunia ipsis prius in hac parte liberata et aliqua portione in recompensationem laboris sui prestiti in faciendo hujusmodi cantariam per quatuordecim annos quodammodo invite de bono et equo ut etiam intuitu caritatis sibi recompensata dictus contractus revocaretur et irritus redderetur . Super quo inter dictos priorem et conventum ex parte una et Magistrum Willelmum de Okam rectorem ecclesie de Langeton' pocuratorem Rogeri de Mar' capellani executoris dicti testamenti superstitis et aliis executoribus suis de medio sublatis ac fratres[1] Willelmum de sancto Medardo germanum testatoris predicti et fratrem Nicholaum de

[1] *Sic, recte* ' fratrem '.

Okam de ordine minorum interventores , consiliarios seu adjutores superintendentes executoribus prefatis per eundem defunctum specialiter deputatos ex altera plurimum altercato , demum magistro Willelmo procuratore predicto et memoratis fratribus necnon magistro Simone de Gandavo archidiacono Oxon' et aliis quorum interesse videbatur consentientibus expresse , placuit eisdem ut sexaginta marcis de dicta pecunia prefatis religiosis prius reddita dicto procuratori retraditis et in pios usus pro anima supradicti defuncti per ipsum juxta consilium seu laudum fratrum predictorum protinus convertenda , residuo summe pretacte eisdem religiosis in recompensationem laboris sui spiritualis facte pro tempore retroac to cedente finaliter in solutum , dicti prior et conventus ab onere dicte cantarie imposterum faciende a quavis obligatione super hoc contracta liberarentur omnino , ita quod scriptum depositum penes memoratos executores et reliquum penes episcopum et capitulum predictos et tertium penes tunc archidiaconum Oxon' , quod tamen dictus magister Simon archidiaconus in archivis suis aut alibi se invenire non posse dicebat , quamcitius imposterum inveniretur eisdem religiosis in testimonium resolutionis et perpetue obligationis de prenominata [*Folio 95*v] cantaria facienda contracte sursum promptius redderetur , quodque facta per dictos religiosos numeratione sexaginta marcarum ut premittitur , scriptum penes archidiaconum Oxon' dudum depositum , ut dictum est supra , quandocumque et qualitercumque et apud quemcumque postea appareret , nullius momenti et prorsus inefficax ac viribus vacuum haberetur . Nos igitur hincinde proposita , dicta et alligata deliberatione previa ponderantes , adnullationemque obligationis memorate tam a partibus pretactis quam a dicto magistro Simone archidiacono et aliis quorum interesse videbatur certis ex causis prelocutam ut predicitur et quantum in eis erat sentencialiter adnullate pensantes , ad instanciam dictarum partium asserentium dictos priorem et conventum de prefatis sexaginta marcis dicto procuratore satisfecisse ad plenum , ac duo paria obligationum super dicta cantaria penes prefatos executores et capitulum nostrum depositarum predictis religiosis esse retradita , necnon magistri Simonis archidiaconi suprafati consensum expressum , irritationem , resolutionem seu adnullationem obligationis suprafate et liberationem dictorum religiosorum ne ad dictam cantariam decetero faciendam aliqualiter teneantur quantum in nobis est approbamus et etiam acceptamus , magistrum Willelmum procuratorem predictum una cum fratribus prenotatis super conversione dictarum sexaginta marcarum in pios usus pro anima prefati defuncti fideliter facienda in suis consciencis onerantes . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum una cum sigillis magistrorum Simonis archidiaconi et Willelmi procuratoris pro se et fratribus minoribus memoratis presentibus est appensum . Actum apud Oxon' II kalendas Martii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted at the instance of the Archdeacon of Huntingdon to Walter son of Roger de Friseby[1] clerk to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Godstow, March 1, 1294.

Dispensatio. Dispensation for bastardy granted to Robert called Fynel of Claydon (Cleydon'). Banbury, March 4, 1294.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Walter called Payn of North Aston (Norht Aston) acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Banbury, March 4, 1294.

Commissio. Commission to the Archdeacons of Huntingdon and Oxford and to the latter's official to represent the bishop in the dispute between Henry vicar of Sandford (Saumford'), of the one part, and the Abbot and convent of Osney (Osen'), of the other. Banbury, March 4, 1294.

Sentencia generalis pro priore de ministr'. Mandate to the official of the Archdeacon of Oxford to excommunicate generally, in the church of Minster Lovell and the other churches in the same rural deanery, all those who had assaulted Ralph de Montfort, a monk of Ivry who had been lawfully admitted as Prior of Minster Lovell, and who had turned him out of the priory, entered into it themselves and seized its goods. The official was to enquire the names of the malefactors and thereafter to warn and if necessary excommunicate them by name, laying an interdict on the church of Minster Lovell while they occupied it. A report was to be made to the bishop as soon as the said prior requested it. Banbury, March 5, 1294.

O. etc. , ...[2] officiali . . . . .[2] archidiaconi Oxon' etc . Dudum ad prioratum de Ministr' nostre diocesis in solis proventibus parochialis ecclesie de Ministr' et aliis ad eandem ecclesiam pertinentibus consistentem fratrem Radulphum de Monteforti monachum monasterii beate Marie de Ibreyo ad presentationem prioris et conventus ipsius monasterii juxta morem preteriti temporis admisimus et in eo priorem instituimus jam est diu , idemque frater Radulphus ipsius prioratus et pertinencium ad eundem possessione pacifica hujusmodi admissionis et institutionis optentu diutius est gavisus . Sane , sicut fama vehemens et clamosa insinuatio nostris auribus detulerunt , nonnulli iniquitatis filii quorum nomina ignorantur prefatum prioratum propria temeritate ingressi , injectis in dictum priorem manibus dei timore postposito temere violentis , ipsoque a dicto prioratu temere violenter expulso , se in eundem prioratum intrudere presumpserunt , bona domus[3] ipsius contra dicti prioris

[1] This name might represent either 'Firsby' or 'Frisby'. [2] Blank in MS.
[3] Interlined.

voluntatem nequiter consumentes seu alias illicite contrectantes , cujusmodi intrusionem , bonorum consumptionem seu contrectationem illicitam continuant ut dicitur in presenti in animarum suarum grande periculum , jurisdictionis nostre pontificalis prejudicium et contemptum ac vehemens scandalum plurimorum , que in partibus de Ministr' et locis vicinis dicuntur ita esse pupplica et notoria quod nulla poterunt tergiversatione celari . Nos igitur tante presumptionis audaciam conniventibus [*Folio 96*] oculis impunitam relinquere sana consciencia non valentes , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus omnes et singulos qui memoratum priorem a dicto prioratu non absque injectione manuum temere violenta ut premittitur expulerunt , consumentes bona prioratus ejusdem et illicite contrectantes , utpote majoris excommunicationis sentenciam a canone et sacrorum patruum constitutionibus promulgatam dampnabiliter incurrentes , excommunicatos pulsatis campanis accensisque candelis in ecclesia de Ministr' infra missarum solempnia parochianis presentibus *in genere pupplice nuncietis , denunciationem hujusmodi in singulis aliis ecclesiis decanatus in quo ecclesia de Ministr' memorata consistit*[1] cum solempnitate predicta fieri facientes . Deinde de nominibus eorum qui intrusionem predictam et alia flagitia commiserunt sollicitius inquiratis , quosque inveneritis notorie super intrusione pretacta culpabiles , ipsos assumptis vobiscum duodecim rectoribus , vicariis seu presbiteris parochialibus de vicinis ad dictum prioratum personaliter accedentes , vice et auctoritate nostra canonice[2] moneatis quod ab inceptis presumptionibus desistentes , dictoque priori prioratum predictam et ipsius possessionem libere dimittentes , eidem priori ac deo et ecclesie congrue satisfaciant de presumptis , alioquin in omnes malefactores hujusmodi cum suis auctoribus et consiliariis universis in hujusmodi intrusionis crimine tam dampnato nominatim majoris excommunicationis sentenciam promulgetis , eos vero quos legitime vobis constiterit dicto priori prefatam violenciam intulisse et bona dicte domus contra voluntatem prioris ejusdem ausu nephario consumpsisse seu etiam contrectasse ligatos excommunicatione majore in ecclesia de Ministr' et aliis dicti decanatus ecclesiis denunciari cum solempnitate qua poteritis faciatis , ecclesiam supradictam de Ministr' quamdiu intrusores predicti inibi fuerint interdicto ecclesiastico supponentes . Et quid inde feceritis nos per litteras vestras patentes harum et processus vestre seriem ac nomina delinquentium continentes certiores reddere non tardetis cum ex parte dicti prioris congrue fueritis requisiti . Valete . Datum apud Bannebir' III nonas Martii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Sir Gilbert of Thornton (Thornton') acolyte to receive the subdiaconate from the Archbishop of York. Banbury, March 5, 1294.

[1] * . . . . * written in the margin. [2] Interlined.

Pro magistro hospitalis de eynho. Mandate to the dean of Brackley, at the request of Geoffrey of Croughton, Master of Aynho Hospital, to excommunicate, in all churches of the deanery where the said Geoffrey should request it, all those who since the death of William the last Master of Aynho had forged documents prejudicial to the hospital, wasted its good and assaulted those brethren of the community who opposed them. Banbury, March 7, 1294.

O. etc. , ...[1] decano de Brakkele salutem etc . Dilectus in Christo filius frater Galfridus de Crouleton' magister hospitalis de Aynho nobis nuper conquerendo monstravit quod fratre Willelmo proximo predecessore suo ipsius hospitalis magistro in extremis agente , ita ut nichil pene decreveret , ac postmodum per mortem ipsius eodem hospitale vacante , quidam iniquitatis filii sue salutis immemores bona ad dictum hospitalem spectantia temere consumpserunt , perperam dissiparunt et alias illicite contrectarunt , ac inter alia ad sigillum domus commune manus illicitas extendentes , quedam instrumenta sub nomine ipsius Willelmi et confratrum domus adulterina in dampnum et prejudicium loci ejusdem composuerunt et nequiter ut dicitur consignarunt , necnon in quosdam de confratribus domus sue malicie prestare nolentes assensum set[2] potius reclamantes manus dei timore postposito injecerunt temere violentas , in animarum suarum periculum perquamgrave , super quo per nos petiit remedium adhiberi . Nos igitur attendentes quod religiosis et piis locis contra suos injuriatores viis quibus possumus specialiter subvenire tenemur ac insuper attendentes quod bona ad ecclesias vel personas ecclesiasticas pertinencia preter voluntatem aut permissionem dominorum vel eorum qui bonorum hujusmodi deputati custodie consumentes , vel alias illicite contrectantes , ac insuper in clericos vel personas ecclesiasticas manus violentas temere inicientes , sint a canone et sanctorum patrum constitutionibus majoris excommunicationis sentencia innodati , vobis mandamus quatinus in ecclesiis decanatus vestri de quibus per dictum fratrem G. magistrum fueritis requisiti tribus diebus dominicis seu festivis intra missarum solempnia omnes malefactores predictos cum suis auctoribus et consiliariis universis in culpa hujusmodi sic excommunicatos esse , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , solempniter et pupplice per vos seu alios in genere nuncietis . Datum apud Bannebir' nonis Martii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to John de Seynet acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Banbury, March 10, 1294.

[*Folio 96*v.]

Commissio penitenciarii lincoln'. Commission of the office of penitenciary, vacant by the death of the subdean of Lincoln, to

[1] Blank in MS. [2] *Sic.*

Master Richard of Harrington (Hetherington') and Sir Richard of Winchcomb (Wynchecumb') canons of Lincoln, and to William of Blyborough (Bliburg') rector of the church of St. Mary Magdalen now contained within the cathedral of Lincoln, acting conjointly or severally. Banbury, March 11, 1294.

LITTERA PRO DOMINO REGE. Mandate to all the archdeacons of the diocese of Lincoln, or their officials, to arrange for special prayers—which are indicated—to be said on behalf of the king while abroad, together with prayers for the universal church, for the crusade and for the king in general terms. A report was to be made to the bishop. Banbury, March 11, 1294.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis universis archidiaconis per Lincoln' diocesem constitutis vel eorum officialibus salutem etc . Attendentes scriptum esse quod de omni re plus fidendum est orationi quam proprie industrie vel labori , cum a domino nostro rege sollicitati fuerimus ut pro ipso ad partes transmarinas pro negotiis suis arduis profecturis faciamus a subditis nostris dominum supplicaciter exorari , nos qui ad hoc sumus multiplici ratione specialiter obligati vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus tam religiosos quoscumque quam seculares infra archidiaconatus vestros existentes ad orationem suffragia pro eodem sollicitius excitetis ut deus ipsum principem nostrum in anima et corpore salubriter diriget atque regat , et agenda sua ad honorem et comodum suum et regni sui misericorditer faciat prosperari . In singulis vero monasteriis et ecclesiis parochialibus archidiaconatuum vestrorum singulis diebus , majoribus solempnitatibus quibus ob reverenciam deferendum videtur dumtaxat exceptis , in missis principalibus post dominicam orationem a missam celebrante completam dicatur cum devotione aperte et distincte psalmus ' Domine , in virtute tua laetabitur rex '[1] etc . cum ' Gloria patri ' , et sequatur ' Kyrie eleyson , Christe eleyson , Kyrie eleyson' , ' Pater noster ' , ' Et ne nos fiat misericordia ' etc. , ' Domine salvum fac regem ' etc. , ' Salvum fac potentia tua domine , fiat pax ' etc. , ' Domine exaudi ' etc. , ' Dominus vobiscum ' etc. , ' Oremus . Da graciose , omnipotens et misericors Deus , famulo tuo regi nostro salutem mentis et corporis , ut bonis operibus inherendo , tue semper virtutis mereatur protectione defendi ' , ' Deus a quo sancta desideria ' etc. , ' Per dominum ' etc . Insuper statum universalis ecclesie , terre sancte et domini nostri regis in processionibus solempnibus , synodis et congregationibus aliis solempnibus quibuscumque a congregatis recommendatum haberi specialiter faciatis . Vos autem qualiter hoc mandatum nostrum executi fueritis nos litteris vestris patentibus harum seriem continentibus certificetis tempore oportuno , proviso ut qualiter

[1] Psalm 21.

fuerit effectui mancipatum sepius explorare curetis . Valete . Datum apud Bannebir' V idus Martii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio et pontificatus nostri XIIII.

EADEM LITTERA. Note of a letter in substantially the same form as the last, directed to the Dean and chapter of Lincoln. Banbury, March 11, 1294.

Item, eisdem die , loco et anno , scriptum fuit sub eadem forma , mutatis quibusdam verbis , videlicet transeundo de ' mandamus ' usque ibi ' ut deus ' etc . usque ad ' in singulis vero ' etc. , et ibi posita fuerunt quedam verba subsequentia , scilicet ' in ecclesia nostra cathedrali et singulis ecclesiis prebendalibus et aliis spectantibus ad comunam[1] in nostre diocese ' etc. , et directa fuit decano et capitulo Lincoln'.

DIMISSORIE. Letters dimissory granted to John of Bourne (Brune) acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Banbury, March 12, 1294.

DIMISSORIE. Letters dimissory granted to John of Theddlethorpe (Thedelthorp') subdeacon to receive the diaconate and priesthood from any Catholic bishop. Banbury, March 12, 1294.

DIMISSORIE. Letters dimissory granted to Thomas Pepyn of Welham acolyte to receive all holy orders from any English bishop. Banbury, March 13, 1294.

[*Folio 97.*]

COMMISSIO AD ABSOLVENDUM DOMINUM ALANUM FILIUM ROWARDI MILITEM. Commission to the Archdeacon of Oxford to absolve Sir Alan FitzRowald, knight, who had caused certain persons who had fled for sanctuary to the church of Aston Rowant to be chained up in the said church. Those who had done the actual chaining were to be cited to appear before the bishop, and a full report was to be made to him. Banbury, March 14, 1294.

O. etc. , ...[2] archidiaconi Oxon' etc . Ad absolvendum in forma juris dominum Alanum filium Rowardi militem a sentencia excommunicationis quam a jure latam incurrit pro eo quod quosdam tanquam mali conscios ad ecclesiam de Eston' archidiaconatus Oxon' pro sui tuitione optentu immunitatis ecclesiastice optinenda confugientes ferro ligari in eadem ecclesia et ibidem in vinculis detineri mandavit , seu ea fieri procuravit , recepto prius ab eo de parendo mandatis ecclesie ad sancta dei ewangelia juramento , vobis committimus vices nostras , mandantes quatinus eidem militi taliter

[1] *Sic, reste* ' communam '. [2] Blank in MS.

absoluto in virtute juramenti sui prestiti firmiter injungentes quod penitenciam sibi per nos pro culpa hujusmodi pro tempore injungendam fideliter adimplebit . Ad hoc de nominibus eorum qui temeritatem hujusmodi ad mandatum dicti militis vel alio modo quocumque committere presumpserunt diligentius inquirentes , quos inveneritis per inquisitionem vestram hujusmodi culpabiles citetis peremptorie quod certo die pro vestro arbitrio statuendo compareant coram nobis ubicumque fuerimus in nostra diocese , penam pro demeritis canonicam recepturi . In quo quidem citationis eventu nos de nominibus delinquentium et qualitate commissi cujuslibet eorundem , necnon de facto vestro circa absolutionem militis prenotati certificare curetis per vestras patentes litteras harum seriem continentes . Valete . Datum apud Bannebyr' II idus Martii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Commissio pro causa de hasceby. Commission to the Chancellor and Treasurer of Lincoln and the Archdeacon of Bedford, or any two of them, to settle the dispute between Leonius of Newcastle, the first to be presented, and Robert Malebyse, the second to be presented, by Robert of Kirton to the church of Haceby. The right of canonical institution was reserved to the bishop. Banbury, March 18, 1294.

Oliverus etc. , dilectis in Christo filiis . . . . . .[1] cancellario , thesaurario et archidiacono Bed' in ecclesia nostra Lincoln' salutem etc . In causa seu negotio inter Leonium de Novo Castro presbiterum ad parochialem ecclesiam de Hasceby nostre diocesis vacantem per Robertum de Kyrketon' ipsius ecclesie patronum nobis presentatum , et Robertum Malebyse ad eandem ecclesiam per prefatum Robertum de Kyrketon' nobis similiter aliquantulum posterius presentatum , auctoritate nostra mota seu moto , et omnibus articulis hujusmodi causam seu negotium contingentibus quoquomodo , admissione persone in dictam ecclesiam canonice instituende nobis reservata , vobis ita quod processus ipsius prius haberitis in hac parte prout justum fuerit usque servetur vices nostras committimus cum cohercionis canonice potestate . Quod si non omnes hiis interfueritis exequendis , duo vestrum ea nichilominus exequantur . Valete . Datum apud Bannebyr' XV kalendas Aprilis anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

Littera pro priore et conventu sancte fredeswyd' oxon'. Mandate to the Chancellor of the University of Oxford (issued in response to the complaint of the Prior and convent of St. Frideswide, Oxford) to restrain the proctors of the university from putting pressure on the said prior and convent to house the university chest in some private part of their house, since this would cause great

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trouble and danger to the priory. The university was to come to an amicable settlement with the priory if this were possible. Biddlesden, March 19, 1294.

O. etc. , cancellario universitatis Oxon' etc . Ex parte dilectorum in Christo filiorum . . . . .[1] prioris et conventus sancte Fredeswyde Oxon' nobis est insinuatum quod procuratores universitatis predicte loco stationis ciste communis universitatis ejusdem quem hactenus de gracia optinebant ad presens nequaquam contenti , ad cedendum eis locum alium secretiorem ex quo dictis religiosis frequens inquietudo et nonnunquam periculum iminere[2] poterunt in futurum per importunitatem indies artare nituntur ut dicunt . Cum igitur incivile existat et cuilibet dissonum rationi violenter et improbe exigere id quod de gracia dumtaxat procedit , vobis efficaciter suademus quatinus prefatos religiosos super hujusmodi loci mutatione molestari quantum in vobis est indebite nullatenus permittatis , cum iidem ad hoc concedendum sint si fieri possit suaviter inducendi , et nequaquam per importunitatem inviti cogendi . Valete . Datum apud Bittlesden' XIIII kalendas Aprilis , pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

Sentencia contra intrusores de esthaddon'. Mandate to the dean of Haddon to go, accompanied by other clergy, to the church of East Haddon and warn all those who were using the church and manse, during a vacancy thereof, for feastings and drinking-parties and other unseemly purposes to desist at once, and make satisfaction, and if they would not do so to excommunicate them in every church in the deanery. A report was to be made to the bishop before Easter. Banbury, March 16, 1294.

O. etc. , decano de Haddon' salutem etc . Ad aures nostras nuper clamor ascendit quod nonnulli laici indevoti , immo magis iniquitatis filii quorum personas et nomina penitus ignoramus , terminos eis vetitos transeuntes , in parochialem ecclesiam de Esthaddon nostre diocesis de jure et de facto vacantem et liberum mansum ejusdem in magna multitudine se temere intrudere presumpserunt , eandem ecclesiam cum manso suo violenter occuparunt et taliter occupatam adhuc illicite detinent nocte et die , commessationes ac potationes suas in eadem ecclesia pupplice ac irreverenter tenentes , aliasque dissolutiones ausu sacrilego exercentes ibidem in prejudicium ecclesiastice libertatis et juris episcopalis contemptum , animarum suarum grande periculum et vehemens scandalum ac perniciosum exemplum alios ad similia provocandi . Nos igitur tante temeritatis excessum tam quia evidentem libertatis ecclesiastice violationem et sacrilegium eo severius persequendum fore consentes , quo hujusmodi crimen hiis temporibus inolevit , adeo ut vix apud plerosque fiat distinctio inter jus divinum et humanum , sacrum et

[1] Blank in MS. [2] *Sic, recte* ' imminere '.

prophanum , vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus assumptis vobiscum rectoribus, vicariis seu capellanis parochialibus , albis indutis , in numero competenti , ad dictam ecclesiam sine dilatione qualibet personaliter accedentes , omnes sacrilegos presumptores predictos in genere moneatis et efficaciter inducatis ut a dicte ecclesie et mansi ejusdem occupatione temeraria desistentes , ipsa loca sacra libere administrationi et dispositioni sequestratorum ac ministrorum nostrorum ibidem ipsius ecclesie vacatione durante dimittant , et de presumptis satisfaciant ut tenentur , alioquin omnes sacrilegos supradictos et etiam libertatis ecclesiastice violatores cum suis auctoribus et fautoribus in hujusmodi crimine , canonica monitione premissa , apud villam de Esthaddon' necnon in singulis ecclesiis decanatus vestri intra missarum solempnia , pulsatis campanis et candelis accensis pupplice excommunicetis seu excommunicatos esse denunciari solempniter faciatis . Vos autem qualiter hoc mandatum nostrum duxeritis exequendum nos litteris vestris patentibus harum seriem continentibus citra festum Pasche apertius certificetis . Datum apud Bannebir' XVII kalendas Aprilis anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio.

[*Folio 97*v.]

Commissio magisterii de catesby. Commission of the office of Master of Catesby Priory to Robert of Wardington (Wardington') of Canons Ashby (Esseby Canonicorum), at the request of the Prioress and convent of Catesby and with the consent of the Prior of Canons Ashby. Luffield, March 20, 1294.

Pro defectibus ecclesie de berkhamsted' reparandis. Mandate to the Archdeacon of Huntingdon or his official, issued at the complaint of Sir Hugh of Nottingham who had received the church of St. Peter at Berkhampstead *in commendam*, to use the fruits of the said church for the preceding autumn in repairing various intolerable defects left in the chancel and manse by John of Reed the last incumbent, and to compel the said John to pay the arrears of stipend due to those who had served the said church during his tenure of the living. Bicester, March 22, 1294.

O. etc. , archidiacono Hunt' vel ejus officiali salutem etc . Ex parte dilecti in Christo filio domini Hugonis de Notingham ecclesie sancti Petri de Berkhamsted optinentis commendam nobis nuper extitit intimatum quod Johannes de Reda , qui eandem ecclesiam per plures annos prius immediate tenebat , in administratione pertinencium ad eandem ecclesiam se inter cetera adeo male gessit quod varios intolerabiles defectus tam in cancello quam in edificiis mansi ipsius ecclesie tempore suo contingentes incorrectos dimisit , propter quod petebat a nobis ut hujusmodi defectus emendari facere curaremus . Nos vero attendentes quod vestro intimebit

officio tales defectus suppleri sollicite procurare etiam annuatim sicut contingunt sine interpellatione quacumque , vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes quatinus predictos defectus de fructibus et proventibus ejusdem ecclesie autumpni[1] proxime precedentis nunc extantibus quos prefatus Johannes suos reputat sicut justum fuerit faciatis congrue reparari , eundem Johannem ad satisfaciendum de stipendiis ministrorum ecclesie pro tempore quo illam tenebat nondum solutis pro parte ut dicitur ratione previa compellentes . Valete . Datum apud Burncestr' XI kalendas Aprilis pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

Consecratio altaris et indulgencia. Note of the consecration by the bishop of three altars, in the conventual church of Biddlesden (Bittleden'), with a grant of ten days' indulgence to all who should come to the church on subsequent anniversaries and pray for the living and the dead. Place not given,[2] March 20, 1294.

Consecratio altaris et indulgencia. Note of a similar indulgence attached to the church of Bicester (Burnecestr') where the bishop consecrated the high altar. Bicester, March 22, 1294.

Indulgencia. Note of the grant of thirty days' indulgence to all who should contribute to the upkeep or repair of the bridge of Newport Pagnell (Neuportpaynell'), with ratification of all similar indulgences to be granted by other bishops, during the next three years. The formula used was similar to that issued for the repair of the causeway at Ramsey.[3]

Littera domini cycestr' episcopi. Note of the receipt, at Spaldwick on March 27, 1294, of letters from Gilbert of St. Lifard, Bishop of Chichester, testifying to the fact that Walter of Maidstone acolyte had been instituted to the church of Lancing by dispensation on November 22, 1290, and had thereafter obtained letters dimissory, somewhat against the bishop's better judgement, on the plea that he was employed in the King's service. Bishopstone, March 19, 1294. Sutton replied that the said Walter of Maidstone, declaring himself to be a subdeacon, had been instituted to the church of Nailstone on August 2, 1292, after promising that he would give up all claims to the church of Newchurch and the mediety of Kirkby Lonsdale. Spaldwick, March 28, 1294.

Sexto kalendas Aprilis anno XIIII apud Spaldewyk' exhibita fuit episcopo quedam littera domini G. dei gracia Cycestr' episcopi sub hac forma : — Reverendo sibi in Christo patri domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo suus devotus ejusdem miseratione G. Cycestr'

[1] Interlined.
[2] Presumably either at Bicester, where the bishop was staying, or at Biddlesden, where he consecrated the altars.
[3] See L.R.S. 48, p. 60.

ecclesie minister modicus et indignus sue possibilitatis obsequium cum salute . Quoniam nuper a quibusdam fidedignis fuerat nobis intimatum quod placeret vestre paternitati an Walterus de Maydenstan' qui incumbit ut dicitur possessioni ecclesie de Nayleston' vestre diocesis beneficiatus fuerit in diocese Cycestr' per nos veraciter informari , vestre sanctitati presentium tenore testimonium perhibemus quod anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo , decimo kalendas Decembris , ipsum acolytum prout dixit in ecclesia de Launcinges nostre diocesis secundum decretale dispensative instituimus , quorundam magnorum precibus efficaciter stimulati . Et quia prout asseruit non potuit a nobis comode a sacros ordines promoveri servicio domini regis impeditus , ideo ad impetuosam suam instanciam litteras sibi dimissorias concessimus , consciencia nostra aliquantulum reluctante , unde postmodum novit deus doluimus et dolemus . Valeat sancta paternitas vestra per prospera et prolixa . Datum apud Bishoppeston' XIIII kalendas Aprilis anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo tertio . — Et statim rescripsit dicto episcopo sub forma que sequitur :— [*Folio 98*] Venerabili in Christo patri domino G. dei gracia Cycestr' episcopo O. ejusdem permissione Lincoln' ecclesie sacerdos salutem et sincere caritatis affectum cum promptitudine complacendi . Litteris paternitatis vestre nos nuper certiorare curastis quod Walterus de Maydenstan' ad ecclesiam de Launcinges vestre diocesis decimo kalendas Decembris anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo per vos admissus extitit et in ea etiam institutus , volentes de statu ejusdem Walteri beneficiati similiter in nostra diocese per nos vice versa ut dicitur effici certiores . Paternitati igitur vestre tenore presentium certitudinaliter intimamus quod nos dictum Walterum asserentem se in subdiaconatus ordine constitutum ad parochialem ecclesiam de Neyleston' nostre diocesis vacantem admisimus et IIII nonas Augusti anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo secundo rectorem canonice instituimus in eadem , prestito prius ab eodem ad sancta dei ewangelia juramento quod openta possessione ecclesie de Nayleston' supradicte , cui adhuc incumbit , de administratione pertinencium ad ecclesiam de Newechirch' Cantuar' diocesis cujus nude dententione , sive institutione , commendatione aut custodia ad beneplacitum bone memorie domini Johannis Cantuar' archiepiscopi , donec idem dominus archiepiscopus de eadem ecclesia aliter ordinaret , tunc temporis ut asseruit incumbebat , et eam una cum medietate ecclesie de Kyrkeby in Kendale Ebor' diocesis litigiosa taliter detinebat ut dixit , se extunc nullatenus intromitteret ratione hujusmodi detentionis prioris . Valeat reverenda paternitas vestra in domino per tempora prospere dilatanda . Datum apud Spaldewyk' V kalendas Aprilis anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo quarto.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Robert son of Alan of Kirton (Kyrketon') acolyte to receive all holy orders from any English bishop. Spaldwick, March 28, 1294.

Commissio. Commission to the Archdeacon of Oxford, Master Walter of Wootton (Wutton') canon of Lincoln, and the official of the said archdeacon, or to the said Master Walter with either of the other two, to hear and settle a dispute between John rector of Wigginton (Wyginton') and John vicar of Bloxham, concerning the burial, mortuary dues and offerings of certain inhabitants of the village of Milcombe (Mildecumb'), and to enforce their decision by ecclesiastical censure. Banbury, March 12, 1294.

Sentencia generalis de scalby. Mandate to the dean of Manlake to excommunicate, in the church of Scawby and other suitable neighbouring churches, all those who were preventing the provisions of the will of Master Peter, late rector of Scawby, from being carried out. Spaldwick, March 29, 1294.

O. etc. , ...[1] decano de Manlak' salutem etc . Licet de executoribus testamentorum subditorum nostrorum omnium ut rite procedant et ne a quoque impediantur injuste curare specialiter teneamur , ad id tamen pro illis quos dum erant superstites habuimus cariores fortius nos obligat affectio specialis . Cum igitur testamenta rite condita et ab ordinariis approbata per maliciam et contra justiciam impedientes et perturbantes quominus in hiis que de jure consuetudine legari possunt debitum sortiantur effectum sint majoris excommunicationis sentencia innodati , suntque nonnulli ultimam quondam magistri Petri rectoris ecclesie de Scalleby viis variis temere impedientes ut accepimus voluntatem , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus in parochiale ecclesie de Scalleby et aliis vicinis in quibus videritis expedire , tribus diebus dominicis seu festivis intra missarum solempnia , omnes illos dampnate iniquitatis filios qui testamentum quondam dicti magistri Petri per excogitatam maliciam impediunt ac perturbant injuste quominus in hiis que de jure vel consuetudine legari possunt executioni debite demandetur , in dictam excommunicationis sentenciam incidisse , et excommunicatos esse , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , solempniter et pupplice per vos seu alios in genere nuncietis . Valete . Datum apud Spaldewyk' IIII kalendas Aprilis anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo quarto.

[*Folio 98*v.]

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory to William called Bonhomme (Bon Home) of Leire (Leyre) acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Christian bishop. Spaldwick, March 30, 1294.

Cessio fratris roberti de ewelm' prioris sancte fredeswid'. Note of the resignation of Robert of Ewelme (Ewelm'), Prior of St. Frideswide's at Oxford, on grounds of ill-health, together with a

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letter under the bishop's seal ordering the sub-prior and convent to elect a successor. Spaldwick, March 30, 1294.

Absolutio. Note of the absolution of Master Roger of Bowden (Budon') clerk, after penance and reparation, from a sentence of excommunication which he had incurred by dealing a slight blow to Master Richard of Bowden clerk. Letters patent were issued. Spaldwick, April 1, 1294.

Commissio. Commission to the dean of Horncastle and Hill and to Master Roger rector of Stretton (Stretton') to discharge the executors of the will of Henry of Low Toynton (Magna Tynton'). Spaldwick, April 2, 1294.

Indulgencia. Grant of forty days' indulgence, to be valid for three years, to all who should contribute to the reconstruction or repair of Huntingdon bridge, which had been washed away in a flood,[1] with ratification of all other indulgences granted or to be granted hereafter for this purpose. The formula used was similar to that issued for the repair of the causeway at Ramsey.[2]

Sentencia generalis. Note of a sentence of general excommunication, to be published by the dean of Huntingdon, against all those who had laid violent hands on Peter of Bluntisham, clerk, on the Thursday after Letare Jerusalem Sunday (March 12). Buckden, April 4, 1294.

Concessio pensionis. Letters patent under the bishop's seal, granting to Theobald brother of the Count of Bar (a clerk recommended for promotion by the King) an annual pension of twenty pounds paid at Michaelmas, until he could receive a prebend worth sixty marks. Sibertswold, April 13, 1294.

Pateat universis quod nos Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus personam Theobaldi de Barro clerici germani nobilis viri domini . . . . . .[3] comitis Barren' , quam dominus noster rex Anglie illustris nobis ad suam promotionem specialiter recommendavit , honorare volentes , eidem viginti libras annuas de camera nostra sibi annuatim ad festum beati Michaelis solvendas quousque per nos fuerit ei de beneficia prebendali sexaginta marcarum provisum concessimus per presentes . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Syberdesweld' idibus Aprilis anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo quarto.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to William son of Henry of Addington (Adington') clerk to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Canterbury, April 14, 1294.

[1] '*nimia inundatio aquarum*'; [2] See L.R.S. 48, p. 60. [3] Blank in MS.

Dimissorie. Letters in the same form granted to William son of Hugh of Birstall (Burstall') acolyte. Watton, April 20, 1294.

Dimissorie. Letters in the same form granted to William of Harton, acolyte. Biggleswade, April 21, 1294.

Commissio magisterii domus monialium de heynigges. Commission to Henry rector of Blankney (Blaunkeneye) of the office of master of the convent of Heynings (Heynigg'), in the same form as the commission previously issued to Master Thomas de Perariis.[1] Place not given.[2] April 25, 1294.

Pro burgensibus de bikkeleswad'. Mandate to the Constable of Sleaford to report whether or not the burgesses of Biggleswade were justified by charter or by custom in their claim to the right of bequeathing their burgage tenements. Biggleswade, April 26, 1294.

Constabulario Lafford' , salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Quia burgenses nostri de Bykeleswad' pretendunt sibi licere burgagia sua in suis testamentis legare , pro ea quod per quamdam cartam quam habent conceduntur [*Folio 99*] eisdem libertates et consuetudines que in burgis nostris aliis observantur , tibi precipimus et mandamus quod de hujusmodi consuetudine legandi burgagia an in tua observetur balliva vel non , et si sic an aliqua specialitas vel modus quivis specialis servetur in eadem , et de omni eo quod in balliva tua usitatur in hac parte nos plene certificas sine mora . Datum apud Bykeleswad' VI kalendas Maii.

Sentencia pro priore de ministr'.[3] Mandate to the official of the Archdeacon of Northampton to excommunicate, in the church of Titchmarsh and other churches in the archdeaconry specified by the Prior of Minster Lovell, and in the archidiaconal synod and the ruridecanal chapter of the deanery of Oundle, all those who had attacked the said prior and infringed the rights of his house. A report was to be made to the bishop. Buckden, April 29, 1294.

O. etc. , officiali . . . . .[4] archidiaconi Norhamt' salutem etc . Dudum ad prioratum de Ministr' nostre diocesis in solis proventibus parochialis ecclesie de Ministr' et aliis ad eandem ecclesiam pertinentibus consistentem fratrem Radulphum de Monteforti monachum monasterii beate Marie de Ibreyo ad presentationem abbatis et conventus ipsius monasterii juxta morem preteriti temporis admisimus et in eo priorem instituimus jam est diu , idemque frater Radulphus ipsius prioratus et pertinenciam ad eundem possessione pacifica hujusmodi admissionis et institutionis optentu diutius est gavisus . Sane sicut fama vehemens et clamosa insinuatio nostris auribus detulerunt nonnulli iniquitatis filii quorum adhuc nomina

[1] See L.R.S. 48, p. 5. [2] Presumably at Biggleswade.
[3] See above, p. 165 and pp. 172–3. [4] Blank in MS.

ignorantur prefatum prioratum propria temeritate ingressi , injectis in dictum priorem manibus dei timore postposito temere violentis , ipsoque a dicto prioratu violenter expulso , se in eundem prioratum intrudere presumpserunt , bona domus ipsius contra dicti prioris voluntatem nequiter consumentes seu alias illicite contrectantes , cujusmodi intrusionem bonorum consumptionem seu contrectationem illicitam continuant ut dicitur in presenti , in animarum suarum grande periculum , jurisdictionis nostre pontificalis prejudicium et contemptum ac vehemens scandalum plurimorum , que in partibus de Ministr' et locis vicinis dicuntur ita esse pupplica et notoria quod nulla poterunt tergiversatione celari . Nos vero nuper audito quod nonnulli tam sacrilege presumptionis auctores quos conniventibus oculis impunitos relinquere sana consciencia non valemus apud Tychemers et alibi in archidiaconatu Norhamt' moram trahunt aut frequentius conversantur , vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus omnes et singulos qui memoratum priorem a dicto prioratu violenter ut premittitur ejecerunt , cum suis auctoribus et fautoribus quibuscumque , necnon omnes et singulos bona ecclesiastica prioratus ejusdem contra voluntatem aut permissionem dicti prioris temere consumentes et illicite contrectantes , utpote majoris excommunicationis sentencia auctoritate canonis et sanctorum patrum constitutionum procul dubio innodatos , tam in ecclesia parochiale de Tychemers predicta et aliis omnibus ecclesiis archidiaconatus predicti de quibus ex parte prefati prioris fueritis requisiti , singulis diebus dominicis[1] , infra missarum solempnia , quam sinodo in eodem archidiaconatu et capitulis in decanatu de Undle celebrandis , pulsatis campanis accensisque candelis , in genere excommunicatos esse , quorum absolutionem nobis specialiter reservamus , palam et expresse denunciari solempniter faciatis . Deinde de nominibus hujusmodi malefactorum seu sacrilegorum in locis quibus videritis expedire sollicitius inquirere studeatis , et que inveneritis in premissis , qualiterque presens mandatum nostrum fueritis executi , per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem continentes nobis apertius rescribatis tempore oportuno . Valete . Datum apud Buggeden' III kalendas Maii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo quarto.

Commissio pro eodem. Commission to Master Henry of Benniworth, subdean of Lincoln, and to the official of the Archdeacon of Oxford, or either of them, to deal with, and if necessary use canonical coercion against, John le Eschetur and Henry called le Deen of Titchmarsh, accused of assaulting the prior of Minster Lovell. Buckden, April 29, 1294.

Oliverus etc. , dilectis in Christo filiis magistro Henrico de Benigwurth' subdecano ecclesie nostre Lincoln' et officiali . . . .[2]

[1] These three words interlined. [2] Blank in MS.

archidiaconi Oxon' salutem etc . In negotio contra Johannem le Eschetur de Tichemers et Henricum dictum le Deen de eadem occasione violente et temerarie injectionis manuum in fratrem Radulphum de Monteforti priorem de Ministr' per nos in prioratu de Ministr' canonice institutum , et ipsius expulsione de prioratu eodem ac aliarum violentiarum commissarum ibidem ex officio nostro moto , vobis conjunctim et divisim vices nostras committimus cum cohercionis canonice potestate . Valete . Datum apud Bukkeden' III kalendas Maii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo quarto et pontificatus nostri XIIII.

Dispensatio ivonis de budon' capellani extraordinati. Dispensation granted to Ivo of Bowden who had been ordained to the priesthood in Ireland without letters dimissory. The said Ivo was to be suspended until Michaelmas, and thereafter to minister as a priest without cure of souls so long as he behaved himself, provided that he worked as hard as he could in grammar and reading. Spaldwick, April 29, 1294.

Oliverus etc. , Ivoni de Budon' nostre diocesis presbitero extraordinato salutem etc . Deficiente tibi probatione sacrorum ordinum quos asseruisti te in partibus Hibernie suscepisse , juxta testimonium quorundam juratorum asserentium se vidisse et scivisse quod in dictis partibus in officio sacerdotali per plures annos pupplice ministrasti , ibidem laudabiliter conversando , et quedam alia adminicula , super eo quod absque diocesani tui licencia in dictis partibus te fecisti temere ordinari , et in eisdem ordinibus sic susceptis non optenta prius super hoc dispensatione legitima ministrasti et immiscuisti alias te divinis , imposita tibi pro commisso penitencia salutari , auctoritate pontificali tecum misericorditer dispensantes , teque usque ad festum sancti Michaelis proxime futurum ab executione dictorum ordinum suspendentes , ut exinde divina absque qualibet cura parochiali celebrare valeas in nostra diocese quamdiu bene et honeste te habueris , ita quod in gramaticalibus[1] et litteratura secundum capacitatem tuam te excerceas permittimus graciose . Datum apud Spaldewyk' III kalendas Maii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo quarto et pontificatus nostri quartodecimo.[2]

[*Folio 99v.*]

Reconciliatio. Commission to the Abbot of Notley (Nuttele) to reconcile the churchyard of Waddesdon (Wuttesdon') which had been desecrated by bloodshed. Spaldwick, April 30, 1294.

Contra violatores sequestri ecclesie de nayleston'. Mandate to the official of the Archdeacon of Leicester to warn, and if

[1] *Sic, recte* ' grammaticalibus '.
[2] The remainder of this folio is filled by a scroll design.

necessary excommunicate, in the church of Nailstone and other suitable local churches, all those who had carried off the goods of the said church when they were lawfully sequestrated, reserving the right of absolution to the bishop himself. A report was to be made to the bishop. Spaldwick, April 29, 1294.

O. etc. , ...[1] officiali archidiaconi Leyc' salutem etc . Fructibus et proventibus ecclesie de Nayleston' per vos ad mandatum nostrum certa de causa jampridem artius sequestratis , subsecutaque per vos inhibitione in genere pluries repetita , ne quis hujusmodi sequestrum presumeret violare , quidam iniquitatis filii quorum personas et nomina penitus ignoramus hujusmodi sequestrum temeritate propria violantes , fructus et proventus in fundo ejusdem ecclesie existentes asportare minus juste , et de eisdem pro suo libito disponere presumpserunt prout nobis nuper vestris litteris significare curastis , nos vero tante presumptionis excessum in elusionem censure ecclesiastice pariter et contemptum temere attemptatum nolentes relinquere impunitum , vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes quatinus in dicta ecclesia de Nayleston' et alibi ubi videritis expedire intra missarum solempnia trinum edictum monitorium palam faciatis proponi ut omnes violatores sequestri predicti infra quindenam a tempore noticie monitionis super hoc facte de hujusmodi fructibus sequestratis et per ipsos inde amotis , et alias pro culpa in hac parte commissa satisfaciant ut tenentur . Alioquin omnes et singulos violatores predictos cum suis auctoribus in prefata ecclesia de Nayleston' et aliis ejusdem decanatus in quibus congrue decreveritis tribus diebus dominicis subsequentibus intra missarum solempnia , pulsatis campanis , candelis accensis , in genere excommunicetis[2] excommunicari faciatis , absolutionem eorundem nobis specialiter reservantes . Vos autem qualiter hoc mandatum nostrum duxeritis exequendum , nos litteris vestris patentibus harum seriem continentibus certificetis tempore oportuno. Valete . Datum apud Spaldewyk' III kalendas Maii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo quarto.

Commissio ad tenendum sessionem offici'. Commission, in the same form as that previously issued to Master John le Fleming (Flemeng'),[3] to Master Walter of Wootton (Wutton'), canon of Lincoln, to represent the bishop in all cases to be heard on the first five law-days after the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross (May 3), in the church of St. Mary at Huntingdon. Spaldwick, May 3, 1294.

Commissio. Commission to Nicholas rector of Paston and Hugh of St. Mark (de sancto Marco), Master of the hospital of St. Leonard at Stamford (Staunford'), to discharge the executors of the will of Master Geoffrey of Thornhaugh (Thornhawe). Buckden, May 4, 1294.

[1] Blank in MS. [2] The word ' seu ' is omitted. [3] See above, p. 145.

Indulgencia. Grant of twenty days' indulgence to all who should contribute to the repair of the bridge at St. Neot's, with ratification of all similar indulgences granted or to be granted hereafter by other bishops. Biggleswade, May 5, 1294.

Littera testimonialis de uxoratione. To the Bishop of Worcester or his official. Testimonial under the seal of the Bishop of Lincoln to the facts that John of ? Enfield had lawfully married Joan daughter of Bartholomew of Ripton at Conington nineteen years previously, and that the pair had lived together at Conington and subsequently at Tilbrook, and had had two children. Given on behalf of the said Joan, whose husband had deserted her and gone to live with another woman in or near Gloucester. Biggleswade, May 6, 1294.

Reverendo in Christo patri domino . . . . . .[1] dei gracia Wygorn' episcopo seu ipsius officiali Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus salutem in omnium salvatore. Pium esse arbitrantes veritati testimonium perhibere , tenore presentium vobis facimus manifestum quod quidam Johannes de Enefeud' quamdam mulierem Johannam filiam Bartholomei de Rypton' nomine in facie ecclesie apud Cuninton' nostre diocesis , bannis editis ut est moris , novemdecim annis jam elapsis duxit pupplice in uxorem , ubi per annum et amplius et postmodum apud Tyllebrok' similiter nostre diocesis per sex annos eidem Johanne pupplice cohabitans ut uxori duos ex ea pueros suscitavit , que omnia notoria sunt et pupplica in partibus de Tyllebrok' , Cunington' et vicinis prout per viros fidedignos et juratos per quos de premissis et eorum notoritate inquiri fecimus est acceptum . Et quia prefatus Johannes dicta Johanna uxore sua propria temeritate dimissa , ad partes Gloucestr' vestre diocesis postmodum se transferens , ibidem quamdam aliam dicitur duxisse de facto cui adhuc dampnabiliter in adulterio adherere refertur , sepedicte Johanne contra dictum Johannem virum suum coram vobis prosequenti ut dicit ad ipsius instanciam zelo veritatis et justicie has nostras patentes litteras in premissorum testimonium concessimus sigillo nostro munimine roboratas . Valete . Datum apud Bikkeleswad' II nonas Maii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo quarto.

Dimissorie. Letters dimissory granted to Adam son of Gilbert of Oundle (Undel) from Carlton (Carleton') acolyte to receive all holy orders from any Catholic bishop. Note that the letters were issued because the said Gilbert,[2] who desired to take holy orders, had to stay in Rome on business and the bishop was unwilling to frustrate his purpose. London, Old Temple, May 11, 1294.

[1] Blank in MS. [2] *Sic, recte* ' Adam '.

[*Folio 100.*]

Pro duce brabantie. Mandate to all the archdeacons or their officials in the diocese of Lincoln to arrange for prayers to be said throughout the diocese for the soul of John, Duke of Brabant, who had lately died. (The King's letter announcing his death, dated at Wrotham, May 8, 1294, is given in full.) London, Old Temple, May 11, 1294.

Oliverus etc. , universis . . . . . .[1] archidiaconis per Lincoln' diocesem constitutis vel eorum officialibus salutem etc . Litteras domini regis nuper recepimus sub hac forma : — Edwardus dei gracia rex Anglie , dominus Hibernie et dux Aquitanie venerabili in Christo patri O. eadem gracia Lincoln' episcopo salutem . Conditor omnium dominus qui pro suo beneplacito cunctis mortalibus vivere dat et mori , prolongans et abbrevians sicut vult vite terminos secularis , karissimum amicum et affinum nostrum Johannem quondam ducem Brabantie de presenti seculo , quod vobis non sine mentis amaritudine nunciamus , prout sibi placuit evocavit . Cum itaque opus sanctum et salubre juxta scripture divine sentenciam censeatur pro defunctis ut a peccatorum solvantur nexibus exorare , paternam caritatem vestram piis affectibus requirimus et rogamus quatinus ejusdem ducis exequias solempniter celebrantes ipsius animam in vestra cathedrali ecclesie missarum decantationibus et aliis divinis obsequiis deo vivo specialiter commendetis , eamque in ceteris ecclesiis ac locis religiosis per totam vestram diocesem ditioni vestre subditis faciatis devotius commendari , ut ex hoc premium apud deum et a nobis condigna vobis perveniat actio graciarum . Teste meipso apud Wrotham VIII die Maii anno regni nostri XXII . — Regias igitur preces prescriptas ex affectu ut videtur intimo procedentes debito effectui commendare volentes vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes quatinus in singulis ecclesiis conventualibus et parochialibus archidiaconatuum vestrorum animam prefati nobilis cum missarum solempniis et aliis pro defunctis ex more solempniter decantandis recommendari devotius faciatis . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' V idus Maii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo quarto et pontificatus nostri quartodecimo.

Pro eodem. Mandate in similar terms to the Dean and chapter of Lincoln. London, Old Temple, May 11, 1294.

Pro eodem. Mandate in similar terms to the Chancellor and regent-masters of the University of Oxford. London, Old Temple, May 12, 1294.

Commissio. Commission to John[2] of Burton, sequestrator, to discharge John son of Robert of Yarborough (Jordeburg') and his

[1] Blank in MS. [2] *Sic, recte* ' Robert '.

fellow-executors of the will of Robert of Newhouse (Neuhus). London, Old Temple, May 14, 1294.

Pro defectibus ecclesie de Bidenham corrigendis. Mandate to the dean of Clopham, in company with Master Adam rector of Souldrop, to compel the executors of the late Master Richard rector of Biddenham to make good notable defects left by the said Master Richard in the church and manse of Biddenham, or to come to some agreement about them with the present incumbent, and, if they would not do so, to sequestrate the goods of the said Master Richard and keep them until the Archdeacon of Bedford should come and make a satisfactory arrangement. London, Old Temple, May 15, 1294.

O. etc. , ...[1] decano de Clopham . Quia quondam magister Ricardus rector ecclesie de Bydenham in ipsa ecclesia et manso ejusdem quamplures defectus notabiles in tempore mortis sue dimisit ut accepimus incorrectos , volentes indempnitati ecclesie providere , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus assumpto vobiscum Magistro Adam[2] rectore ecclesie de Suldrop' , cui ut vobis assistat firmiter injungimus per presentes , executores testamenti Magistri Ricardi predicti moneatis et efficaciter inducatis quod defectus hujusmodi emendare non differant condecenter vel cum . . . . .[1] nunc rectore de eisdem compositione studeant emendandis , alioquin bona ecclesiastica ejusdem defuncti artius sequestretis et sub arto custodiatis sequestro , donec archidiaconus loci ad partes illas duxerit declinandum , ut tunc idem archidiaconus de bonis hujusmodi in penam negligencie eorundem executorum sicut justum fuerit facere valeat emendari . Valete . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' idibus Maii pontificatus nostri anno XIIII.

Littera questuaria. Mandate to all the archdeacons of the diocese of Lincoln, or to their officials, to facilitate the work of those who were collecting money for the church of Our Lady at Bethlehem. London, Old Temple, May 15, 1294.

Oliverus , etc. , universis archidiaconis per Lincoln' diocesem constitutis vel eorum officialibus salutem etc . Dignissime venerationis affectus nos admonet ut ad subventionem fratrum illius loci et ordinis misericorditer inducamur in quo salvator mundi dominus noster dei filius nasci dignatus est de virgine gloriosa . Quocirca vobis mandamus in virtute obediencie firmiter injungentes quatinus cum fratres seu nuncii certi ordinis sancte Marie de Bethleem in laudem et commemorationem divine nativitatis et domine nostre genetricis ejusdem fundati ad vos accesserint grata fidelium subsidia petituri , ipsos libenter suscipere ac benigne trac- [*Folio 100v*] tare curetis , hujusmodi negotium eorundem juxta formam litteram

[1] Blank in MS. [2] *Sic, recte* ' Ada '.

suarum auctenticarum[1] efficaciter promoventes et a vestris subditis promoveri , et quod collectum fuerit ad opus ipsorum fratribus vel nunciis ad collectionem hujusmodi elemosine deputatis sine diminuatione qualibet restitui facientes , presentibus post triennium minime valituris . Datum apud Vetus Templum London' idibus Maii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo quarto.

Indulgencia. Grant of twenty days' indulgence to all who should pray for the souls of Thomas Wheelwright (Rotarius), whose body is buried in the churchyard of St. Nicholas at Warwick, and all the faithful departed, with ratification of all similar indulgences granted or to be granted hereafter for this cause. Theydon Mount, May 17, 1294.

Commissio ad audiendum confessiones in archidiaconatu oxon'. Commission to the Abbot of Osney of the right of hearing confessions, either personally or by deputy, throughout the archdeaconry of Oxford, and of assigning penance except in those cases specially reserved by canon law for the bishop's jurisdiction. Theydon Mount, May 17, 1294.

Oliverus etc. , ...[2] abbati Osen' etc . De salute animarum subditorum nostrorum et precipue quantum ad forum penitenciale pertinet existentes solliciti ut tenemur , ac de discretione vestra fiduciam optinentes in domino pleniorem , subditos nostros quoscumque archidiaconatus Oxon' , et specialiter omnes parochianos vestros ecclesiarum parochialium quas in diocese nostra in usus proprios ubilibet optinetis , qui ad vos gracia confessionis faciende de hiis que secundum canonicas sanctiones jurisdictionem seu potestatem vestram specialiter respicere dinoscuntur venire curaverint in futurum , per vos aut illos quorum fidem et industriam ad horam elegeritis in hac parte audiendi , et a peccatorum suorum nexibus vice et auctoritate nostra ratione previa absolvendi , eisque penitenciam salutarem juxta suorum qualitatem criminum injungendi, vobis tenore presentium tribuimus facultatem , reservata nobis potestate dispensandi in casibus in quibus pro delictis sceleratius commissis ad nos spectare de jure canonum comprobatur . Valete . Datum apud Theyden' XVI kalendas Junii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo quarto et pontificatus nostri quartodecimo.

Commissio audiendi confessiones. Commission to the Abbot of Osney to hear confessions, either personally or by deputy, in the religious houses of Burnham, Goring, Littlemore and Studley. Theydon Mount, May 17, 1294.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus etc. , ...[2] abbati Oseneye etc . Saluti animarum omnium qui nobis subesse

[1] *Sic, recte* ' authenticarum '. [2] Blank in MS.

dinoscuntur , et precipue quantum ad forum penitenciale pertinent[1] paterna sollicitudine providere volentes , ac de discretione vestra in domino fiduciam optinentes , de . . . . . .[2] Burnham , ...[2] de Garing' . . . . . .[2] de Littlemore et . . . . . .[2] de Stodeleya monasteriorum presidentes , ac moniales , sorores et fratres conversos eorundem locorum per vos aut alios quorum fidem et industriam elegeritis in hac parte a peccatorum suorum occultorum nexibus vice et auctoritate nostra ratione previa absolvendi , injungendique eisdem juxta suorum criminum qualitatem penitenciam salutarem , vobis tenore presencium concedimus facultatem . Valete . Datum apud Theyden' XVI kalendas Junii anno domini M. CC. nonagesimo quarto et pontificatus nostri quartodecimo.

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